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Thanksgiving spirit in action

Crawford Habitat group completes first project

Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Barrett family of Grayling is "extremely anxious" and will soon occupy the first house built by Habitat for Humanity in Crawford County. The carpeting is down, the water has been connected, and the children have chosen their own rooms.

"I want Disney characters to decorate my room," said Jessika, six, her charisma only exceeded by her energy level. Her color scheme? "I'm not sure — just colors."

"Aww! I want baseball and football and soccer things in my room," challenged much older brother, Justin, who is 10 and has much grander plans for his room — the one with the window on the back yard. "Green and gold—Green Bay colors!"

No hesitation here. Melody Barrett can barely contain her own enthusiasm and pride in the house that she and perhaps a hundred local volunteers erected just for her family.

"At first, it wasn't real. I heard about the program and filled out the application, but I never dreamed I'd be chosen," she said. "Then I saw it. Its walls were up and the roof had just gone on. But, even when I got to choose the siding and shingle colors, it somehow wasn't real."

Scott McClain and Dave Wyman, both Grayling contractors, have directed the majority of the rough-in and finishing work on the house. But numerous area plumbers, electricians, roofers, well drillers, excavators, and others have given their time and talents to complete the home. Materials were donated, fundraisers were held, and the legions of volunteers continued to swell, so that the house could become reality.

Melody Barrett and her two children will soon experience home ownership thanks to these volunteers. The family will wash the windows they installed, and the family will shovel snow off porches they built. The Barretts will also

encounter a variety of feelings as they become occupants of their dream house — some good, and maybe some not so good.

But for now, an elated Justin proudly claims "I'll carry out the trash if my sister does the dishes." He's too young, of course, to be burdened by the prospects and pitfalls of owning a home. But he'll learn.

Habitat finds it necessary to offer a two-year family nurturing program, which begins once the occupants have moved into their new home. Because of the newness, the family will receive close, instructive supervision from Habitat staff with regard to problems arising from ownership. They are also given special guidance if situations occur which might jeopardize their ownership or their future comforts.

As Melody Barrett, a single mom and employee of Citizen's Bank in Grayling, tries to see into her own future, she admits it won't all be roses and champagne. But as she runs her hand lovingly across the glossy, hand-crafted window sill, she said, "these were made by Mary Parker. She's just a little lady, but she has so much spirit and energy."

Mary Parker is a retired teacher and coach from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, but is now full time resident of Grayling. When a storm damaged some trees in her wood lot, she had them made into lumber for whatever future use they might suit. When the Habitat project became news, she contacted Scott McClain and asked if he needed the oak planking for sills or other uses in the house. McClain said yes, so Parker and her brother, John, planed the boards down and gave them to the builders.

Later, the sills were sanded, and Parker applied the stain and finished coats of varnish. Of herself, Parker said, "I'm so glad my woodworking hobby was useful. When I was teaching, I had tools but no time. Now I have the time and the tools, so I've enjoyed working on the project."

Of the many lessons learned

building a house, Barrett had even more to say.

"Putting in my 'sweat equity' portion has been the thrill of my life. I mudded and sanded drywall, and helped with the painting. I was often the cleanup crew, and just watching this house go together gave me so much confidence. I know what's in it now, and every day I learn more and more."

And, what she's learned seems to have given her a new dimension, a new outlook. Already Barrett speaks of "our next house, and how we must do this and I can't wait to help with that."

She is, of course, not talking about her own home but Habitat's next house. Melody Barrett will contribute a collective 250 hours of her own time to the program. This will include time spent on a new house for yet another family — the family who will take ownership in 1998 of the second Crawford County Habitat House.

When she and the children visited the almost-completed house on Tall Pine Avenue to carry in some of their treasured belongings recently, Barrett said "I always move my collection of bears first. I pack them and I make sure — because most of them have been given to me — that they arrive safely."

And, what is the next thing the Barrett family will do once they arrive at their new snug gray bungalow?

"Unpack!" Well, of course.

So, who is coming to dinner on Thanksgiving Day?

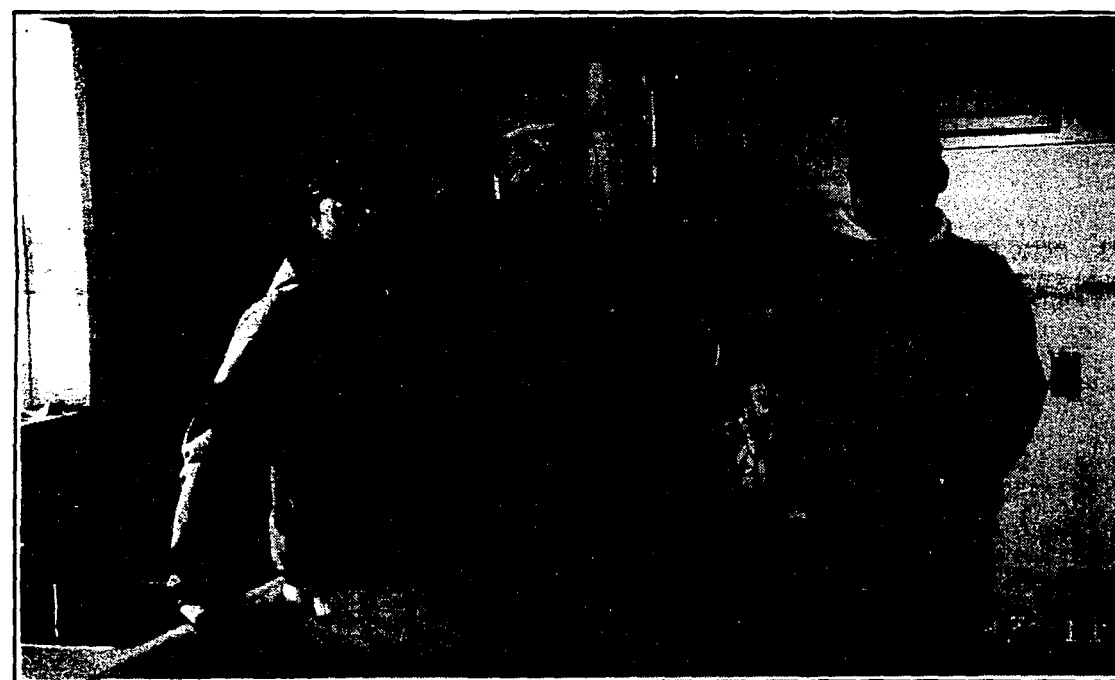
"Nobody," said Barrett with a bit of sadness. "I'll be moving in that weekend, so what we're really looking forward to is spending Christmas here. That'll be our big Thanksgiving celebration — just me and the kids in our own home. I'm so very, very grateful."

For Melody, the interview was over.

"Yea! Thanks Habitat!" Justin said, as he bounded off into the woods behind "his house" to inspect some fresh deer tracks.



ANXIOUS TO MOVE — Melody Barrett and her children, Jessika and Justin, are anxious to get settled into their new home — the first Habitat for Humanity project in Crawford County. Volunteers have been working since May to build the house. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



CREW AT WORK — Part of the crew of volunteers who put together Crawford County's first Habitat for Humanity house included (left to right): Paul VanNuck, plumbing; Dave Wyman, contractor; Melody Barrett, the new home owner; and Mike Hoag, plumber.

Church services, holiday dinner among Thanksgiving festivities

by Staff Writer

The Grayling community will observe Thanksgiving in a variety of ways.

Family gatherings, of course, remain the centerpiece of this annual holiday, with relatives traveling here and there to join family and other loved ones.

Some Grayling residents will be stuck in front of the television much of the day, watching Christmas shopping parades, or big time football games, or both.

Others will be in the woods, hunting for an elusive white tail.

The traditional community Thanksgiving dinner — with turkey and all the trimmings, of course — will be offered in Grayling, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, for anyone in the community who would like to attend.

It's not only for the needy and the lonely, but for anyone who would like to be there.

Meals will be served between noon and 3 p.m. on Thursday. Take outs are also available, and home deliveries are also made for shut ins or others who have requested this service.

Everything is done by volunteers in this traditional observance of the holiday in Grayling.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church are taking the lead once again in this year's annual commu-

nity dinner.

Several churches are planning special services in observance of Thanksgiving.

These include (but are not limited to) the following:

St. Francis Episcopal Church, The Rev. Robert Henley, pastor, will host a community ecumenical service for Thanksgiving, starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, also plans a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Paul Boerger, pastor, is in charge.

St. Martin's Evangelical Church (WELS) will have a special service at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, with the Rev. Herbert R. Filter, pastor, officiating.

Burning Bush Tabernacle conducted its first annual Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 23. Evangelist Robert Kerry was the speaker, with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner following.

American Legion and Auxiliary of Post 106 also observed an early Thanksgiving holiday, with a free Thanksgiving dinner at the post on Sunday, Nov. 23.



SALT MOUNTAIN — Sand mixed with salt rises like misty hills ready to be used on Crawford County roads this winter. The Road Commission for Crawford County uses about 8,500 tons of the stuff during a normal season. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Let it snow!

Crawford crews set for winter

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

James Briney, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County said "the equipment's ready, the men are ready. Let winter begin."

A veritable mountain of sand and salt — six parts sand to one part salt — have been mixed, the on-site operation effecting a savings to the county of \$1.30 per yard. The mixture was already being used mainly

on the county's primary and local roads and streets.

Average usage in a season is 7,500 tons of sand and 1,000 tons of salt. The brine truck, used exclusively in some areas of the state, is used only infrequently in Crawford County. "The brine is to control icing," James Briney said, "but we usually get more snow than ice, so our sand mixture is quite effective."

The lights go on automatically at 5:30 a.m. each working day behind

the big truck garage. The plow trucks are stationed inside and ready to roll when the morning crew comes in at 6:00 a.m. Stacks of new plow blades wait right outside, where it takes about ten minutes to change one.

Jed Blaauw, the Road Commission's superintendent, said a blade will last maybe a half day "if running the expressway blading full." The blades are under 350 lbs. of pressure when being used, and the

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From all the girls at
Heads Up North



by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Ownership of a Habitat home is by no means a giveaway program. The Crawford County chapter did not automatically come to pass either, nor did the first house appear or emerge out of thin air like an apparition with tax-roll eligibility possibilities. The unique partnership of the to-be homeowner and the participating Habitat group is a joint venture, an intricate alliance of volunteers, management consultants, and professional craftsmen and women, all of whom assist and work with the applicant family to build their home.

Naomi Halysko, RSM from Mercy Hospital in Grayling and Habitat president, said "we began the process in November of 1995. Gloria Sanderson of RSVP made the first contact with the director of the Michigan unit, Ken Benson. We put a notice in The Avalanche and all who were interested were invited to join us at the organizational meeting. We met, we established a steering committee, and we continued to

Habitat for Humanity is no giveaway program

investigate the possibilities of creating a program here in Crawford County.

"This process took six to seven months, but we learned what hoops to jump through and how to better instruct our volunteers and function as a board."

To become an affiliate would take more than talking about it and envisioning the outcome, however. It would take work, dedication and then some — it would take inspiration and tenacity.

Fortunately, sister county Roscommon had been active for nearly nine years and was on its 12, 13, and 14th homes. They could build a house in four months, and the Crawford County group took heart from this and drew heavily upon their expertise. By May 21, 1997, the groundbreaking on the first Crawford home was begun in earnest.

Habitat is targeted toward working families, who are often unable to qualify for a conventional mortgage arrangement. Once the family occupies the house and begins repayment of the loan, these funds are channeled into a revolving Fund for Humanity, where the proceeds are returned to the program and used for additional homes.

In a recent survey of Habitat home owners, 98 percent said their home was better than their previous dwelling. An offshoot of the program is that 68 percent said their family's financial condition had improved and that 35 percent said their children's grades were better.

But, as new Grayling Habitat homeowner Melody Barrett found, with so many people doing so much, where does a person begin to give thanks?

Possibly the first handshake should be extended to the Habitat for Humanity founders — Millard and Linda Fuller. This couple had a troubled marriage once, and turned to counseling to sort through their differences.

They were encouraged to look outward from themselves, and to search their community for things to do to help others. They looked at the deplorable housing conditions in some areas, and a budding idea — it was not even a program then — began to take shape in their minds. Millard Fuller thought of the idea as a "servant of the church." Fuller wrote in his book — Theology of the Hammer — that "Habitat for Humanity has brought many churches together and forged partnerships between people who have never worked cooperatively on anything!"

The tiny building program which began in 1969 in Americus and Sumpter Counties, Ga., was a rather small dream, considering the lofty berth Habitat now occupies on a world-wide scope. Habitat really began conceptually as a plan where Fuller wrote "there would be no more shacks and where slum housing would be eliminated." Something in the fantastic equation obviously worked, and the result was nothing less than astounding. Even its founders and that first crop of volunteers had doubts.

The Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, now one of the nation's largest and most successful, became prominent in the public eye, as it featured

President Jimmy Carter as one of its most ardent supporters. But, perhaps the true miracle, one which carries substantial weight and gives immense support to Habitat is the Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Its members number 10,000, and it grants \$100,000 each year to Habitat. The thousands of volunteers it consistently sends to the projects never wavers or diminishes, even when other volunteer groups wax and wane just before flickering out.

There are more than 1,350 affiliate Habitat groups in the United States, and in Michigan there are 80 in 77 counties. Worldwide, Habitat has completed 50,000 houses, and Michigan has completed 800, with 175 built in 1996 and 250 projected for 1997.

An unequalled effect of these exceptional partnerships is that less than one percent of the homes are resold and less than one percent are ever foreclosed upon. No doubt, the Family Selection Committee has a lot to do this rarity. Perhaps the most important aspect of the entire arrangement is that because Habitat is not a welfare program by any definition, the applicant homeowner must be employed, must have credible character, and must show the ability to repay the loan and to care for their new home.

Applicants who believe they meet with this criteria are encouraged to call for an application. Applications for Crawford County's next Habitat for Humanity House will be available on December 1 of this year. Potential applicants may contact the Family Selection Chair at 348-2382.

Road crews set for snow

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discarded blades are then recycled and sold for scrap along with old signs and guard rails. Blaauw estimates the county uses 500 blades during an average season.

John McLeod has perhaps one of the most important jobs at the Road Commission — he's in charge of parts and maintenance inventory. McLeod of Frederic said, "It's my job to see that we don't run out of anything! Our inventory levels must be watched constantly, and I have to see to it that all of our repair parts are in stock."

The county has a contractual arrangement with the State of Michigan for winter maintenance of the state trunklines. State foreman Jerry Pratt, and Crawford County Superintendent Jed Blaauw, work together to organize crews and materials. They continually monitor road conditions, and then stage the various operations according to the availability of crews and equipment.

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Engler, Lowe unveil program to give elderly better choice

Gov. John Engler has unveiled an initiative to coordinate and improve long-term care services based on the efforts of a northern Michigan law-maker.

State Rep. Allen Lowe of Grayling, chair of the House Republican Senior Citizens Task Force, said MI Choice will enable people seeking long-term care to choose these services, according to their values and preferences, from a variety of settings and providers.

"Within 30 years, our state's senior population will more than double," said Lowe. "We must plan for this anticipated growth while we have a window of opportunity. Programs like MI Choice help families meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges."

MI Choice expands the Home and Community Based Services for the Elderly and Disabled Waiver program. The waiver allows more individuals to continue living in their homes instead of entering a facility.

The program provides home and community-based services to aged and disabled individuals age 18 or

older who would otherwise require care in a nursing home. This level of care is reimbursed under the current Medicaid state plan. The waiver

allows payment for this care level at home and in the community. Currently, individuals in 19 counties are eligible for waiver services.



LONGTERM CARE — State Rep. Allen Lowe joined Gov. John Engler, right, and Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman Jr. at a recent Lansing press conference to announce the MI Choice program. The Grayling Republican said the long-term care initiative gives people more options when choosing services.

"This common sense approach has worked in several areas of Michigan, and I am pleased to see it expanded statewide," Lowe said.

The waiver funds personal care, home delivered meals, transportation, counseling, adult day care, durable medical equipment, medical supplies and private duty nursing.

"Promoting independence and enhancing the dignity of Michigan's older adults and their families is the driving force behind MI Choice," Lowe said. "This cost-effective approach maximizes consumer preferences while slowing budget growth."

"It's another huge step in securing the safety net for the state's senior population."

Lowe said the task force continues to seek input from seniors, care givers, family members health experts and local officials during a statewide series of public hearings.

Information about the task force or hearings is available at Lowe's office (517) 373-0829.

Grayling schools attract flood of job applicants

For many job openings, Crawford AuSable schools have little trouble attracting applications.

This was apparent as the Board of Education approved several hirings last week (Nov. 17).

One job, for example, attracted more than 50 applicants, another 21.

Hirings approved by the Board included

Bethany Wheeler, who meets all the job specifications and already has been working in the position, was hired formally as half-time AuSable Primary secretary, and half-time district technology systems manager.

Marjorie Schreiner was transferred from high school media paraprofessional to the new position of high

school technology paraprofessional.

Thomas Brady was hired as middle school paraprofessional, to provide direct service to a student with medically related needs. The job has been vacant since the beginning of the school year. There were 21 applications.

Daniel R. Weaver was hired as full time high school custodian from among 50 applicants. The job has

been vacant since Doug Latuszek was transferred to the Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary custodial position.

Lorraine Neuberger was hired as half-time central office secretary. This is a new job, dealing primarily with arranging substitute personnel and working the switchboard.

HEALTHLINE

Here are safety tips to protect your children.

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

Q I worry about my young children who walk to and from school. Do you have any safety tips to protect them from threatening situations and people?

Signed: Worried Mom

The following safety tips are based on suggestions from the National Crime Prevention Council's Safe Kids Program.

- Walk with your child to school or bus stop at least once, and point out areas that may not be safe. Play a game called "What if..." using pretend situations to help them decide what to do if faced with an emergency. Show them which houses they can go to for help.

- Impress on them that they should always use the "buddy" system - to always walk or play with a sibling or friend. Instill in them that they must never take short cuts through wooded areas or empty lots.

- Warn children never to talk to strangers no matter how friendly they seem. They should stay at least an arm's length away, and never go near a car if approached by someone in a vehicle. Help them identify the term "stranger" as someone who has not been invited into their home as a

guest.

- Instruct children to kick and fight if someone tries to take them away, as well as scream "Help! This is not my mom" or "Help! This is not my dad."

- If a stranger comes to school to give them a ride, children should be told to go at once to a teacher and ask for help. Even a family friend should know a pre-determined password before giving your children a ride.

- Warn children that strangers who mean them harm could use a deceptive tactic to attract them (such as "help me find my lost dog" or "I have to take you to see the store manager.")

- It's a good idea not to let children wear clothing or articles with them with their name on it which might help an abductor to call them by name.

- Supervise your child in public places and if they become separated from you, make sure they don't wander out into the parking lot. If lost, they should report immediately to the information desk, security guard or store clerk.

- Never leave a child alone on a playground or in the park. All children should be suspicious of adults who are alone on a playground with no children. Although most children grow up

without any negative experiences, it is a good idea to prepare them to handle emergencies or threatening experiences. Practice the preceding tips through play acting until your children react appropriately. Then you can feel confident that you have done your best to keep them safe.

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Richard Milliman

There's plenty for which to be thankful



WHEN PILGRIMS more than 350 years ago decided to offer special thanks to Almighty God for a plentiful harvest, they probably had no idea how the Thanksgiving holiday they unintentionally inaugurated in this country would develop.

They had no thought in those days of football games or Christmas shopping or just sitting on the couch, belching, after a huge meal.

They had in mind a simpler routine. They were getting along all right in a strange and harsh land, and — religious folk that they were — they knew there was a higher influence in their progress.

Recognizing this, they bowed their heads and said, in essence, "Thank you, God, for all you've done for us."

They knew about God, and revered God, because that was the reason most of them came across the ocean in the first place.

And, while they were at it, giving thanks on that cold November day, why not celebrate a bit? Why not invite over a few of the friends and neighbors to share their good fortunes and have a big dinner?

And so they did. Foreign settlers and Native Americans sat down together, in peace and friendship,

and shared their gifts.

Really, it's an amazing and refreshing story.

BUT THAT was then, and this is now.

Why should we, today, here in America, be thankful?

Sure, we have plenty to eat. The supermarket is always full of food, and most of us can have anything we want to eat and drink. It's been that way for a long time.

Most of us, by most standards, are pretty well off. Most of us are happy, more or less, and we're at peace in the world, relatively speaking, so why get all soft and mushy about thanking God for what's happening to us?

And besides, these days who — or what — is God anyway? We can't talk about God in some classrooms. We can't even admit God's existence in some places. And is there really God after all? Isn't it all problematic?

So why don't we forget all that gooey stuff, and settle down to a big dinner, and eat too much, then plop in front of the tube and watch a football game, and everybody go shopping tomorrow.

IF WE REALLY get serious about it, each of us has something special to appreciate.

How about progress itself?

A few years ago, at a Thanksgiving mass at St. Ignatius Church in Rogers City, Fr. John Rushman offered a little different twist than one might expect at a Catholic mass.

Fr. Rushman reminded us that our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century... without coal fires until the 14th century... without buttered bread until the 16th.

They did without tea or soap until the 17th century... without gas, matches or electricity until the 19th... without cars, canned or frozen foods until the 20th.

Now, asked Fr. Rushman rhetorically, what was it you were complaining about?

Each of us can add our own favorite luxuries to this list — indoor plumbing, television, saran wrap, computers, and on and on.

The point: Even if we don't want feel thankful for intangible blessings such as love and health and family, there are plenty of material gifts which none of us earned, but which all of us can enjoy, and for which all of us can be thankful.



FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

Nixon Tapes sound familiar...

Just in case you missed a few articles and an editorial appearing in a downstate daily paper lately...we will bring you up to date on some events.

First, an editorial that caught my eye was in the Detroit Free Press titled "Nixon Tapes: Transcript erases any doubt about character."

Herewith are excerpts from the editorial:

"The tapes portray a man so mean-spirited, so paranoid, so untruthful and engaged in such roguish behavior that it is chilling to think he was elected president of the United States."

"The tapes also reveal his accepting payoffs for ambassadorship and they expose his profanity, racism and anti-Semitism. Just as important, they expose Mr. Nixon as repeatedly lying to his staff, his family, and his country. His dishonesty caused a constitutional crisis that threatened to undermine the very foundation of our democracy."

Sound familiar to what is going on in the White House today?...Who said history does not repeat itself?

I agree whole-heartedly that Nixon got what he reaped. He is the only U.S. president forced to resign from office.

My View Point...I believe that congress should extend the same privilege to President Clinton and get rid of him, just like they did with Nixon...They are two peas in a pod. This time, make a clean sweep, and let V-P Gore ride into the sunset along with his boss.

By the way...I have read lately that the Clintons have let Tipper Gore out

of the closet...Her agenda is children...Instead of a village that Hillary used for her soap box.

TROOPS TO STAY IN BOSNIA
In my last column I wondered when President Clinton was going to call our troops home from Bosnia. First it was for six months, then some Christmas, and last June 30. (The year has never been mentioned).

Now comes our Secretary of State Madeline Albright, who states that the troops will remain after the June date. She decided after meeting with the President, and a large group of lawmakers. (How many make up a group, at least three?) She added that the 8,000 troops are part of a peacekeeping force in war-torn Bosnia and officials fear that once NATO withdraws, ethnic warfare will resume.

Who are she and her group trying to kid?...Our troops could stay for 20 years, and when they left, the fighting would resume anyway. These are ethnic groups that hate each other, and will be killing until doomsday.

I'm surprised that Madame Secretary and the president haven't ordered troops into Algeria...There a religious war has been going on, with the killing of children and women by beheading them. That, too, is an ethnic war.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
I have a suggestion for Halloween trick or treat. Instead of the hours six to eight, make it six to seven-thirty. At our house, we ran out of candy and

shut off the porch light at 7:15. Another way is like they do in Ohio, where our daughter and family live. They pick the Sunday closest to Halloween, have a parade downtown starting at 1 p.m. and from there the little ones start out for trick or treat. All in the daytime.

NO OUTDOORSMAN HERE
I'm not a hunter, skier, snowmobiler. In fact I hate with a passion that white stuff that falls from the sky this time of year.

There is one exception—the day of St. Mary's bazaar. This year, as in the past, the Ol' Fella received his lemon pie, courtesy of neighbor, Gloria Jean Neilson...and if I had a say, St. Mary's could hold a bazaar once a month.

AN IDLE THOUGHT
Kudos to those responsible for the Christmas decorations on the light poles on Michigan Ave. and I-75 Business Loop.

The large candy canes are attractive, plain and not gaudy.

What others have said:
SWITCHING DIRECTIONS
"There has never been a politician in my experience—maybe not in history—who cuts his losses faster than the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. When he sees it going the wrong direction, he can change from opposing it for months to taking credit for having thought of it."

PAUL GIGOT, Wall Street Journal columnist, on President Clinton embracing a push to overhaul the IRS.

EYES ON WASHINGTON
"I've still got one chance to get there, if Elizabeth runs."

Bob Dole, former Republican nominee for president, talking about the Republican Party nominating a woman for president in 2000 and saying his wife, Elizabeth Dole, would make an ideal candidate.

All I can add, is that Dole is paranoid over living in the White house...Do you remember Nixon?

There, see how much knowledge you gained by turning to Our Corner...We won't take any bows just yet...We have to wait for any letters and phone calls to the contrary.

'Nuf said for this time....

EDITOR

Eagles Club assists stranded women

To the editor,

On a recent trip down I-75 to Lansing, the car in which myself and two other women were riding, broke down. We ended up pushing the car off the highway next to a concrete overpass overlooking the Eagles Club in Grayling.

The people at the Eagles were very hospitable, and we are very grateful for their assistance. We used their phone to call for a wrecker. We were told that help would arrive in 15 minutes.

We stood on that overpass in the early evening with the wind blowing for over an hour. Cold and tired, we went back down to the Eagles Club to contact the tow service to find out what the problem was.

They apologized, indicated they had forgotten us, and advised us it would be another two hour wait because the driver had gone out to dinner.

Needless to say, we weren't very happy. We then called another towing service and Tim Cooley appeared within minutes of our call, drove all three of us from the Eagles Club back to our vehicle, and got the car started.

He then followed us to the nearest gas station to double check the car for any problems before he sent us on our way. He was prompt, gentlemanly, and went out of his way to assist us.

Hooray for the Tim Cooleys of the world.

Darlyn Samson,
Escanaba

Congratulations offered to buck contest winner

To the editor,

I would like to congratulate Brock Denton on his very successful opening morning of the firearm deer season, to have the first buck on "the buck pole!"

Boy, he must be a fabulous hunter to be able to shoot a buck at daybreak (which is at about 7 a.m.) and be able to track it, then gut it, drag it to his vehicle, then drive from the west end of the county to be at Skip's to claim his prize at 7:35 a.m.

Wow! To be able to do all this in a matter of about 35 minutes! That is wonderful! He must be proud! Congrats again.

Michelle Smith,
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

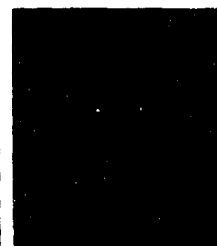
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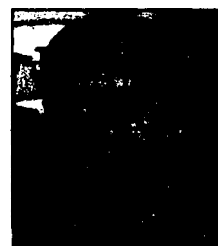
Betty asks...

Question of the week:

Do you think our town has a drug problem?



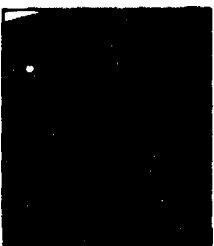
Theresa Fjolek
Grayling, MI
"Not that I'm aware of, at least not like in larger cities."



Phil Miller
Grayling, MI
"I think Grayling is a great place to raise children."



Richard Czarnopis
Grayling, MI
"Not I think it's a problem everywhere."



Michael Bergen
Grayling, MI
"I think our town has an alcohol problem...but I think Grayling is a great place to live and raise children."

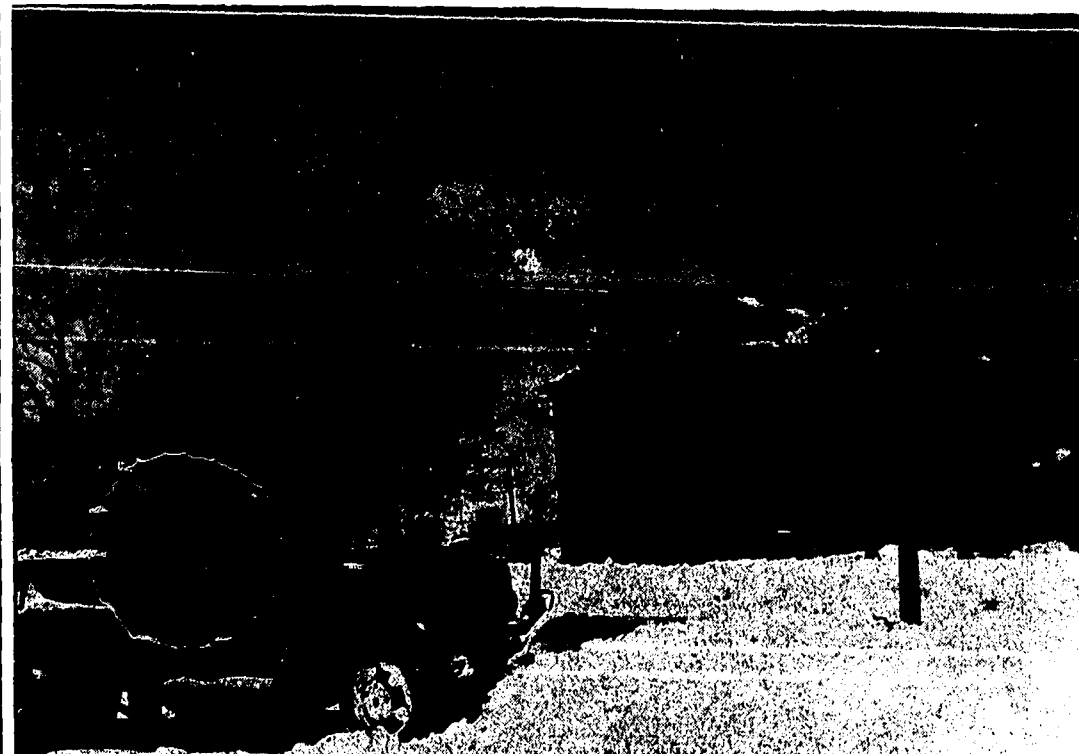
There you have it...Drugs and alcohol are a problem facing a lot of small towns. Do we put our heads in the sands or do we as a community fight, to keep our town a great place to raise children?

Betty Pearl

Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Thursday in the Grayling area

Historically Speaking



In the late 1930s or early 1940s, snow was piled deep around the then courthouse on Michigan Ave. However, city snow removal equipment was ready to handle it. Photo courtesy by Wesley Smith. (The Avalanche invites readers to submit their own photo memories of the past for publication. Photos will not be harmed, and will be returned.)

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BRIEFS

THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

St. Francis annual bazaar

On Friday, Dec. 5th and Saturday, Dec. 6th, St. Francis' Episcopal Church will again be holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon. The luncheon will be offered between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. each day. Stuffed puffs, homemade soup, a beverage and dessert will be served for a cost of \$4.50. The Bazaar will feature Santa's Toy Shop, a Pet Gift Center, Christmas Past (a nice selection of toys and other Christmas items with an antique flavor), plus a Taste of Christmas bake shop.

Retirees will meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with business meeting starting at 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

Fruit sale by Seventh Day Adventist School

Florida Indian River citrus fruit is available again in December from Grayling SDA School.

Pink Grapefruits, naves oranges, and tangerines may be ordered by phone (348-5826 or 348-4845) or by e-mail (citrusfruit@juno.com).

The order deadline is December 4. Fruit will be available for pick up on December 15.

Master Gardener Program to be offered

MSU Extension is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 10, 1998. Classes will be held at the Lyon Township Hall Higgins Lake.

For more information call (517) 275-5043 or (517) 348-2841, ext. 264.

Holiday Luncheon-Cookie sale on Dec. 4

The annual cookie sale and luncheon sponsored by Grayling Chapter #83, OES will be held at the Masonic Temple on Michigan Ave. on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Home made soups, sandwiches, dessert and beverage at a charge of \$4.00.

Hospice of Michigan has chosen a site

Hospice of Michigan has chosen Impact Office Supply as the site for their Annual Christmas Memorial Tree. Each year Hospice of Michigan honors those who have died during that year by inviting families and friends to participate in an open house which includes hanging an ornament in the name of their loved one on the Memorial Tree. This event will take place on Wednesday Dec. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. and the tree will remain on display in the window during the holidays. Refreshments will be served.

Project Graduation to sell Christmas trees

GHS Project Graduation '98 will be selling Blue Spruce Christmas trees at the corner of Old-27 and M-72 West beginning Sat. Nov. 29. Trees will be sold from noon to 10 p.m. each day, until gone.

Volunteers are needed to help sell these trees. If you are able to help call Steve Anderson at 348-2299.

Open House for local Forest Fire Officer

An informal open house celebration for Duane Brooks, Forest Fire Officer of Grayling will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Lounge. The cost is \$7 per person and includes gift and salad/sandwich buffet table. Retirement plaque presentation will be at 7 p.m.

RSVP with Freida Hill at DNR, P.O. Box 128, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

Clarification

In last weeks story about Legal Services of Northern Michigan (LSNM), the toll free number was not listed. LSNM can be reached at 1-888-941-9599.

'A Christmas Carol' to be performed

"A Christmas Carol," part of the Winter Arts Festival series, will help make December a merry month at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

A Christmas Carol will be performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan at 7 p.m. on two nights, Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 in Corson Auditorium.

This production, performed at Interlochen for nearly 20 years, has proved so popular that, for the first time, two performances of the holiday tale will be given.

Charles Dickens wrote the oft-told tale about the stingy, hateful Ebenezer Scrooge and his fateful visit by three ghosts more than 150 years ago. The quaint shops, gaslit streets, carolers create a Victorian Christmas card come to life.

The lively cast of 36 performers, the lavish 200-plus costumes, and beautiful sets all capture the spirit of this classic.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. For information call the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.



WRESTLING GIFT — Doniel Pummell (left), assistant principal at Grayling Middle School, presents a check from Grayling Youth Boosters to help the Grayling Recreation Authority's wrestling club. Accepting is Joe Ferrigan, for the GRA wrestling club.

Health Department sets clinics

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Call for an appointment:
Immunization Clinic: Dec. 3, 8, 17 and 22
Family Planning: Call for information
Medicaid Screening: None this month
Premarital Class: Dec. 9.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Dec. 3 and 18.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: Dec. 8, 11, 17, 19 and 29.

WIC-Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information.

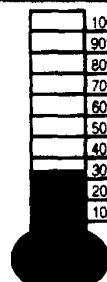
Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.

Note: Cadillac office only:
OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Quarterly — Dec. 10. (Call 616-775-9942 for appointment)

United Way 1997
Goal - \$80,000

The Crawford County United Way has set its goal for 1997 at \$80,000.

Donations may be sent to: P.O. Box 171
Grayling, MI 49738



Service pact for network is approved

A maintenance agreement for the electronic system has been approved to keep communications open among all the buildings in the Crawford AuSable school system.

Supt. Kent Reynolds recommended the contract with Anixter Inc., to cover five pieces of electronic equipment connecting the five district wide area network installations, at rate of \$875 per year each.

Also covered will be daily round-the-clock telephone support to keep the system humming.

Without such support, Reynolds reported, the potential exists for lengthy wide area network down time, thus interrupting instructional use of the network.

The school board approved the contract at its Nov. 17 meeting, at a total annual cost of \$9,500 per year.

FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Exercise in bed

Let others flock to the gym. If you want to keep your feet healthy, a good place to start working out is in bed. Foot exercises may be done in the morning before rising or just before going to sleep at night. Lie on your back and begin with the toes: Curl them under tightly and hold for about 10 seconds. Slowly bend the toes back upward, fanning them out at the same time slowly, then rotate your left foot in the same manner, only clockwise. Finally, stretch heels downward, pointing to the foot of the bed and tap the bed with the heels several times. Next, point your toes and tap the bed with the heels several times. Next, point your toes and tap the bed with the balls of your feet. Continue alternating these movements. As with any new fitness program, check with your doctor before beginning these exercises.

At GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., we offer preventative care, medical intervention, and surgical treatment services. We are committed to providing uncompromising excellence in diagnosis and treatment of your foot or ankle problem, as well as in advising you on how to keep your feet healthy. Feet of all ages are our priority here at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, whether they need an appropriate exercise program, correction of deformities, treatment of fractures and injuries, or management of infection. Ph: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. PS: A strong, flexible foot is less likely to be injured or lead to injuries elsewhere in the body than a foot that rarely exercises.

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NOVEMBER 1997

Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday, Nov. 27

THURS 27	•SOUL SURVIVORS meeting @ Mercy Hospital gallery, 6:30 pm. •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •MINIMAL FEE Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar screens @ Commission on Aging, 11 am - 12 noon. •HAPPY THANKSGIVING. •SCHOOLS, COA, and government offices closed for Thanksgiving.
FRI 28	•SCHOOLS CLOSED for Thanksgiving vacation.
SAT 29	•HABITAT FOR HUMANITY needs volunteer labor every Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm. Call Barb at 348-1132 •BLUE SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREES go on sale @ the corner of Old-27 and M-72 West. Only 150 to sell. Proceeds go to GHS Project Graduation '98.
SUN 30	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.

DECEMBER 1997

MON 1	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AP/GE PARENTS GROUP meeting @ GE conference room, 6:30 pm. •MS BOOK FAIR @ MS media center, 8 am - 4 pm.
TUES 2	•MS BOOK FAIR @ MS media center, 8 am - 4 pm. •5TH GRADE vocal concert @ GE gym, 7 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm. •ADHD PARENTS' SUPPORT group meeting @ 615 Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information.
WED 3	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •MS BOOK FAIR @ MS media center, 8 am - 4 pm. •5TH GRADE VOCAL CONCERT @ GE gym, 7 pm.

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Friday, November 28 - Thursday, December 4

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Health Dangers

President Clinton and vice-president Al Gore are laboring to curtail the use of tobacco among teenagers. Current statistics indicate smoking may shorten the life of a person by 6 or 7 years. All of us share the concern of our executive officers about threats to teenage health posed by tobacco. But some of us are concerned that tobacco may be used more for smoke and mirrors than real health purposes.

For example, Bill Bennett has reported statistics indicating practicing homosexuals may shorten their lives by 30 years. What is the executive branch saying or doing to discourage teenagers from following this dangerous lifestyle? If the shortening of or loss of physical life is the test, sodomy is much more dangerous to teenagers than smoking!

Yet, President Clinton wrote a letter August 11, 1997 to *The Advocate*, America's first national magazine for homosexuals congratulating them as follows: "The Advocate has helped advance unity and understanding...For

30 years, *The Advocate* has played a vital role in this endeavor. I salute you for helping to replace fear with knowledge and for keeping your readers interested, informed, and involved." Just what does President Clinton really believe *The Advocate* will keep their homosexual reader, "interested, informed, and involved" in doing?

While tobacco has few political rights, sodomy has many. While big tobacco faces the hostility of big government, organized sodomy is being feared with awe and treated with respect as a friend. What about the 30 years it may remove from one's life? What about the wreaked family lives? What about the eternal consequences before a Holy God?

(Jude 1:7) "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." We should practice nothing which

shortens our lives or endangers our souls. If tobacco is bad, shortening you earthly life by 7 years, how much worse is the practice of sodomy which may shorten your life by 30 years? And the smoke and pain of eternal fire will not be caused by tobacco! Teenagers have more reasons to fear a sodomite degenerate than a Joe Camel.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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BAT LADY--Bertha the Bat flew in to visit the AuSable Primary kindergartners last month. Kim Ginther, from Hollow Tree Productions, makes this yearly trip to teach students fascinating bat facts. The kids are captivated by her as she explains how bats fly in the dark, what they eat, how to catch bats and most importantly, why people shouldn't fear bats. Through hands on props and activities, Bertha's visit always provides students with a memorable and educational experience.

Church Directory



Framed In Glory

"This is an original work of art. There is not another like it. Oh, I must find just the perfect frame."

Yes, what is the perfect painting without the perfect frame? It must be surrounded by magnificence in order to achieve the desired effect. Often, the frame is a work of art in and of itself, carved and gilded and uniquely fitted to the work it will hold.

Just as the most beautiful canvas is incomplete without a frame, we are incomplete creations unless we are surrounded by the glory of God...held in the perfection of His loving hands. It is only then that we are the best that we can be, showing the world that the joyous beauty of the Creator surrounds us, adorning our individual uniqueness as a creature of God.

Worship the Creator this Sabbath and go into the world transformed...framed by the glory of God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leviticus 16	Psalms 105:1-22	Psalms 106:1-35	Psalms 106:1-12	Psalms 106:13-48	Psalms 107:1-22	Psalms 107:23-43

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Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service... 10:30 am
April through October

2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
(temporarily held at AuSable Primary)
Sunday Worship... 10 am
Sunday School... 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Bible School... 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil... 5 pm
Sunday Mass... 8 am
Family Mass... 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing... 9:30 am
Daily Masses...
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday... 8:30 am
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd
Sunday School... 9 am
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elja Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St • 348-5325
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School... 10 am
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday... 7 pm

Lovell Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School... 10 am
Chapel Service... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd (M-72 W) • 348-5362
Sunday School... 10 am
Morning Service... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp • 348-5921 • 348-6504
Sunday School & Bible Study... 9 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School... 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study... 9 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise... 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult Sunday School... 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am
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Kirtland youth Theatre Presents the Nutcracker

Kirtland Youth Theatre continues its 1997-98 student series in December with a week-long residency by Michigan's premier ballet company, The Grand Rapids Ballet.

The company comes to the Kirtland area for a full week of activities beginning on Monday, Dec. 8. The visit includes four days of in-school, hands-on residency activities, culminating with four performances at Kirtland Community College. This activity is sponsored by Buccilli's

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The Nutcracker ballet is based on E. T. A. Hoffman's tale of "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky was commissioned to write the ballet in 1891 and it was first presented in 1892. It tells the story of a young girl, Clara, and a magical toy soldier nutcracker given to her on Christmas Eve. The Nutcracker takes her on a magical journey to the Land of Snow and the

Kingdom of Sweets and brings her home again in time for Christmas day.

Four, forty five-minute, hands-on, in-school workshops are scheduled at each of the following area schools: Monday, Dec. 8, Houghton Lake Middle School; Tuesday, Dec. 9, Grayling Elementary School; Wednesday, Dec. 10, Whittemore Elementary School; and Thursday, Dec. 11, Roscommon Middle School.

Second annual holiday sponsorship

North Central Area Credit Union is involved in their Second Annual Holiday Sponsorships. The Grayling branch will be brightening the holidays for nursing home residents at The Meadows in Grayling. Our Houghton Lake branch will be accepting items for the women and children of River House Shelter, Roscommon has selected Kenquest House of Grayling, and Standish is conducting an area wide food drive.

The Meadows houses approximately 60 residents from the area. Community members can stop in the Grayling office, located at 505 Clyde Street, select an ornament from the tree with a residents name on it, and be a "SECRET SANTA" and help fill that resident's needs. Some immediate needs are sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, slippers, socks, wall hangings, and hair care products. Also in the lobby will be a gift wrapped box where community members can donate items to the Meadows group activity center; items could be simple arts and crafts items, music or games. The branch is accepting items now through December 17.

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Kalkaska businessman enters race for 105th District Representative

Michael J. Cox, a businessman and resident of Kalkaska County announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the state representative from the 105th district, which includes Crawford County.

Mike is married to Patty (Montgomery) Cox. His family consists of two sons, Zack and John, John's wife Kristin, and granddaughter, Jessa.

Cox holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with minor degrees in Real Estate and International Business, and is a licensed commercial pilot.

He is serving as Chairman of the Kalkaska County EDC, Member of the Kalkaska Public Transit Authority, Kalkaska County Commissioner, and is a member of the Kalkaska County Kiwanis Club. He was previously a Director and Chairman of Kalkaska Soil Conservation District.



Michael J. Cox

Cox says, "While we're making government more accessible through term limits, let's also think about making it smaller and less expensive

by changing our legislature to part-time status. We would join the majority of states by having a part-time legislature, and give our legislature less time to work its mischief." Michael J. Cox submitted the following position statement:

Gun Control -- I believe in the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the

Constitution. It should be easier for a citizen to obtain a concealed weapon permit, provided they are mentally stable and not convicted felons. The age for obtaining a concealed weapon permit should be raised to 21 and fire arms training should be mandatory.

Education -- I advocate a system that permits parents to send their children to any school they choose, and all schools that receive public funds must take all students. The payments may be paid with vouchers or tax credits. School control should be local.

Part-Time Legislature -- We should move toward a part-time legislature as quickly as possible and eliminate retirement benefits for politicians. I don't believe political service should be a career, but is a fulfillment of a citizen's duty to serve when and where possible.

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Future of driver training by schools under study

The Crawford AuSable school district must decide before next April whether to continue driver training at Grayling High School.

According to Supt. Kent Reynolds, local school districts have been given three options by the state from which to choose before April 1, 1998.

They may either continue to offer driver training, drop it, or contract

with outside providers to serve local school students.

If they continue to offer the training, they also have the option of charging a fee for it.

"I think there are a lot of reasons we should continue to offer driver ed," Reynolds told the school board at its Nov. 17 meeting.

For Grayling, he said, he feels it will come down to "a question of not whether we continue, but whether

we should collect a fee."

Reynolds promised to come up with more solid recommendations

after consultation with teachers and staff in plenty of time before the board's final decision.

How safe is your Social Security Number?

Social Security has a new factsheet titled "When Someone Misuses Your Social Security Number."

The factsheet contains information you should know if you suspect, or

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SIXTH GRADE CHOIR PERFORMS -- Rehearsing for their holiday concert Front (L to R): Joey Highlen, Brittney Galloway. 2nd Row: Shawn McCuan, Heather Stamper, Aprylle Rugenstein. 3rd Row: Chris Francis, Steve Stilson, Tasha Lukima and Crystal Miller.

Sixth grade Choir performs

WGMS, the schools weekly news program taped the sixth grade choir performance on Friday, Nov. 21st for students in the Grayling Middle School.

Students choreographed a dance and created a backdrop for their performance to "I Love the Mountains,"

a traditional American round.

Members of the 6th grade choir want everyone at GMS to know that choir is not only a place to learn but a place to have fun.

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TUESDAY 8 pm - St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lake St., Grayling. *Almon at same time*
WEDNESDAY 12 noon - St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lake Street, Grayling; 7 pm - Alpine Carpet, Waters
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OBITUARIES

Laudy W. Harrison

Laudy W. Harrison, 88, of Grayling, died Nov. 21, 1997 at Hilltop Manor, Roscommon.

Mr. Harrison was born to John and Annie (Gorance) Harrison on May, 6, 1909.

Mr. Harrison moved to Grayling 15 years ago from Scottsdale, Ariz. He was a retired foreman for General Motors Corporation. Mr. Harrison served with the U.S. Army during WWII with the Red Arrow Division in Guam and the South Pacific. He was a member of American Legion Post 106 and VFW Post 4159.

He is survived by his brother, Rudolph and June Harrison of Houghton Lake and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Essie; his second wife, Reba; his brother, William Harrison; his sister, Mary Bristow; and his parents, John and Annie (Gorance) Harrison.

Funeral service was held Nov. 23, 1997 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Robert J. Nalley officiating. Military Rites were conducted by American Legion Post 106 and representatives of the Michigan National Guard from Camp Grayling. Interment of ashes was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family suggests memorials be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

William C. Taylor

William C. Taylor of Venice Fla., formerly of Grayling, Dearborn, and Garden City, died Nov. 23, 1997 in Florida.

Mr. Taylor was a decorated WWII veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He retired from G.M.'s Livonia plant in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne (DeLage) Taylor; six children: Bill of Marine City, Stephen of Ecorse, Mary

of Farmington Hills, John of Dearborn Heights, James of Gaylord, and Paul of Warren; and 20 grandchildren.

Mass will be held Friday, Nov. 28th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Grand Lawn, Detroit.

The family suggests the memorial contributions be given to Hospice.

Violet A. Hadanek

Violet A. Hadanek, 78, of Grayling, died Nov. 22, 1997 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born in Pigeon to Albert and Laura (Hoppe) Schultz on Feb. 1, 1919.

Mrs. Hadanek moved to Grayling in August of 1996 from LeRoy, Minn., after previously residing in Minnesota and Merrill. She married Thomas F. Hadanek in Hemlock on June 8, 1940, and was a homemaker. Mrs. Hadanek was a member of Heritage Baptist Church in Grayling, a life-time member of the VFW Auxiliary in Hemlock, a member of VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, and a member of Michigan Gospel Music Association.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas F. Hadanek of Grayling; daughter, Yvonne and Richard Sobierski of Grayling; two sons: Terry and Cathy Hadanek of Alma, and Rodney and Malinda Hadanek of Charlotte; sisters, Millie McInnis of Freedland, Lois Hagerl of Freedland; brother, Clayton Schultz of Saginaw; 9 grandchildren; and, 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Hadanek; six brothers, a sister, and her parents, Albert and Laura (Hoppe) Schultz.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25, 1997 at Heritage Baptist Church, Grayling with Pastor Ernest Wagner officiating. Entombment at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Saginaw.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Heritage Baptist Church, Grayling.

Michael James Leahy

Michael James Leahy, 69, passed away Nov. 21, 1997 at his home following a brief illness. He was born July 17, 1928 in Bay City, and had resided there most of his life.

Mr. Leahy was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, retired from the Bay County Sheriff Dept. after 25 years of service, served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and received the following medals, Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, Combat Infantry Badge and the Army Occupation Medal in Japan. He was a member of American Legion Post #18, 40/8, VFW Post #485 in Bay City, AM Vets Post #13 in Higgins Lake and the Knights of Columbus Council #414. He was a long time member of the St. Patrick's Parade Association and was the Parade Marshall in 1978.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jeannine Martin Wylie, whom he married July 12, 1974; three daughters: Lou Ann Phillips of Bay City, Colleen and Jeff Chaltrow of Standish, and Christi Leahy of West Branch; six step-children: Martin (Mary) Wylie of Midland, Cynthia (Mark) McNally of Kawkawlin, Sandra (David) Egan of Royal Oak, Rebecca (Randy) Swiecki of Bay City, Penelope (Grant) Gehring of Sugarland, Tex., and Amy Wylie of Bay City; two grandchildren: Brittany Chaltrow and Marie Malowski; eleven step grandchildren: Carol (Raymond) Hill, Michelle Phillips, Jeff and Kelly Chaltrow, Scott, Grant, Erica Wylie, Emily and Bethany McNally, Kellie Conlin, Shaun and Collin Swiecki, Haley, Katie and Wylie Gehring and Quintin Turvey; two brothers: Patrick and Joan Leahy of Bay City, and Jerry and Jody Leahy of Beaverton; three aunts: Nellie Marsh, Frances Reuther, and Anna Pike; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Cecelia (Noonan)

and Leo Leahy, and one step-grandson, Morgan Wylie.

Funeral and Committal services were Nov. 24, 1997 at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc., under auspice of the Bay County Veterans Council. Private inurnment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to be sent to Amicare Hospice, 125 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Doris I. Bruening

Doris I. Bruening, 80, of Grayling, died on Nov. 19, 1997 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born in Frederic to Floyd and Abigail (Batterson) Goshorn on June 17, 1917.

Mrs. Bruening resided in Grayling since 1975, moving here from Saginaw. She was a homemaker and a foster-grandparent at Frederic Elementary School.

She is survived by her daughters: Nancy and Harvey Brelin of Clearwater, Fla.; Gail and Johannes Kramer of Holzminden, Germany; son, Gregory and Marie Bruening of Pensacola, Fla.; sister, Janice Wylie of British Columbia; brother, Carl Goshorn of Oregon; step-brother, Henry Wylie of British Columbia; 6 grandchildren; and, 2 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bruening was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Bruening; sister, Majorie Morency; and, brother, Kenneth Goshorn.

Memorial services were held Nov. 25, 1997 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Reverend J. Douglas Paterson officiating.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society, Crawford County Chapter.



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BRIDGEPORT MAN CLAIMS BIG BUCK PRIZE -- Skip Madsen (L) of Skip's Sports Center presents Melvin "Batch" Kyser (R) with a 30/30 Marlin rifle with scope for winning the Big Buck prize at the Orange Coat Round-Up.

Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Melvin 'Batch' Kyser bags top whitetail for 1997

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

A Bridgeport man bagged the top buck for 1997 in Grayling. Kyser's 12-point logged 126 points in a modified Boone and Crockett rating system used by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club to determine winners' standings on the Buck Pole.

Kyser said he has hunted in the area every year since 1970 with his brother, "Buck" Kyser of Lovells. He and wife Ann live in the Saginaw area, and he's worked for General Motors, Delphi Steering Systems for 29 years.

"I'm looking forward to retirement," he admitted, and says he'd like to do some fishing and hunting without watching a time clock.

Accepting the Marlin 30/30 with scope from Skip's Sports Center, owned by Skip Madsen, as the prize for the award winning buck, Kyser said, "I'll give my old 30.06 to my son, but I don't know for sure which one I have two," he said, "Scott and Gene are twins."

Cash prizes for the Buck Pole Roundup are raised through the sale of buttons -- \$2 for each, and the contestant must have a button to qualify. One winner admitted to borrowing the \$2 from his mother for the button last year so he could claim his prize, but this year he said, "I paid for my own." The Camp Grayling Conservation Club participates, as well, and they are responsible for recording the measurements of the antlers and awarding the scores for the best buck.

Boone and Crockett Club ratings are cherished by hunters across the globe, but the modified version used by the Conservation Club is not intended for the record books. The local grading system is only used to differentiate buck-from-buck.

When the Boone and Crockett Club was first formed by Theodore Roosevelt, it was one of only two organizations in the entire United States which seemed concerned about America's wildlife. Dedication to the nation's wildlife and natural resources was a heartfelt mission undertaken by the president, and the influential group he formed in 1887 was the precursor to much greater things -- namely the conservation of wildlife habitat and identifying the principles of "the fair chase."

That small group of ten sports-minded men have made history beyond the herds of wild buffalo and the millions of passenger pigeons which once graced our land. They also ensured a lasting supply of wildlife so that concerted efforts could be made to control hunting and to provide the hunted species a chance to coexist with man.

The mission statement of the Boone and Crockett hunters is therefore to hunt under the rules of Fair Chase and have an ethical respect for nature. It is the further policy of the Boone and Crockett Club, "to promote the guardianship and management of big game and associated wildlife in North America and to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in all aspects of big game hunting."

Animals considered for rating under the Boone and Crockett Club system are: whitetail & coues' deer - typical and non-typical, mule deer & blacktail deer - typical and non-typical, American elk - typical and non-typical, Roosevelt's elk, sheep, bear, cougar & jaguar, pronghorn, caribou, moose, muskox, rocky mountain goat, bison and walrus.

For more information on this club: bcclub@montana.com

Stupak, others spotlight breast cancer issues

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) joined more than a dozen House colleagues in a press conference to call for action on legislation that would ban the medical practice known as "drive-through" mastectomies.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and stalled in a House Commerce subcommittee, would require insurance companies to provide at least 48 hours of inpatient hospital care following a mastectomy and a minimum of 24 hours following a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.

Also spotlighted were H.R. 164, a bill by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) that would require health insurance companies that provide coverage for mastectomies to also cover reconstructive surgery resulting from those surgeries, and Stupak's bill, H.R. 1311.

"I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 135 and H.R. 164," Stupak said at the Oct. 31 event, held to mark the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "There are extremely

important initiatives to provide proper medical support for women who must undergo a mastectomy as a treatment for breast cancer.

"But I believe we should spare no effort in finding the root cause of this terrible disease," he said.

The Stupak bill would modify the Clean Water Act to provide for the testing of pesticides and other chemical substances to determine whether they may mimic estrogen. Higher exposure to estrogen in women has been linked to an increased likelihood of breast cancer development.

As with the other stalled bills, Stupak argued against delay in tackling the breast cancer issue. "Just this week, news reports of ongoing research left open the question of whether PCBs and DDT contribute to the incidence of breast cancer."

"Together, with our separate bills, we are united to improve the quality of life of cancer victims and to attack the root cause of this disease, which strikes both men and women."

Students with weapons stir calls for new laws

by Jotham Tausig
Capital News Service

Lansing--The three worked out a plan to make it to Canada, they had a gun but all they needed was a car.

So the seventh-graders threatened their geography teacher.

Their substitute teacher at Gwinn Middle School in Marquette was able to take away the .22-caliber pistol.

Now the three face mandatory expulsion and possible criminal charges.

"These kinds of things just don't happen in a school district like Gwinn," said Supt. Michael Maino, of the Gwinn Area Community Schools. "These three students are not gang members, they're not trouble makers; they're just three little blond-haired 12-year-old boys who've made some very, very serious mistakes."

Those boys signal a growing trend of weapons in school.

"We've been working with the Legislature on a set of bills aimed at the issue of crimes in schools," said Anthony Derezinski, director of government relations for the Michigan Association of School Board (MASB). The legislation addresses an apparent rise in the number of assaults in schools. "These are assaults not just on students but on faculty as well."

MASB serves as an advocate for public education. Virtually every school board in the state belongs. In turn, the association brings educational issues to the attention of state government.

Michigan already has a mandatory expulsion law for arson and possession of weapons on school grounds. Although MASB wants to expand the expulsion law, there are problems, Derezinski explained. "We think crime is a major issue," Derezinski said.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

The winners of the Children's Book Week Book Mark Contest are Matt Hough, 4th grade; Chrissy Palmer, 2nd grade; Jessica Skillern, 1st grade; Michael Olson, kindergarten; Kelsey Neuberger, kindergarten; Ethan Lynch, 2nd grade; Jacob Bondar, 3rd grade; Mike Boylan, 3rd grade; Cory Shear, 3rd grade; Chad Gildner, 2-3; Teddy Owen, 2-3 and Zachary Bake, 4th grade.

Children were invited to design a book mark using the 6 Pillars of Character: respect, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, responsibility and citizenship.

The winning book marks were chosen out of the over 200 designs submitted.

The chosen art work is available at the Crawford County Library in their book mark form.

Hours at the Crawford County Library are Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Sat. 10

"But don't use a meat-ax, use a scalpel when you make some your definitions because it creates a lot of problems."

Which is exactly what happened in the case of James Meyer and Christopher Call in Hillsdale.

In 1996, Meyer and Call were expelled from Davis Middle School for possession of a BB gun on school grounds. BB guns aren't expressly defined in the Hillsdale School District's "Dangerous Weapons in the Schools" policy.

That's why a Hillsdale Circuit Court judge ruled that the gun wasn't a "firearm" under Michigan law, so the students couldn't be expelled.

Last week, the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the decision. Citing the need to maintain order and discipline in schools, the court found that the weapons law doesn't bar school boards from expelling students for BB gun possession.

But there are other difficulties in determining what "weapons" students can bring to school.

Under Michigan law, any knife with a blade over 3 inches is grounds for mandatory expulsion, Derezinski said. "How about the person who brings a kitchen knife in to cut the cake for someone's birthday? It fits the definition. This has happened on a couple of occasions."

In a recent informal survey, 53 percent of school board members want to see the expulsion law changed to give school boards more flexibility, said Gail Braverman, public information director for MASB.

But in the case of the Three Gwinn students armed with a .22-caliber pistol the law is clear: expulsion for at least 180 days. Their formal school hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

a.m.- 2 p.m. The phone number is 348-9214.

Hours at the Lovells Township Library are Tues. 10 a.m.- 12 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Thurs. 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. and Sat. 12 p.m.- 3 p.m. The phone number is 348-9215.

Hours at the Frederic Community Library are Mon. - Tues. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wed. - Thurs. 1 p.m.- 6 p.m. The phone number is 348-4607.

The Crawford County Library will be closed Nov. 27, 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

LEGAL ACTION

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular meeting of October 28, 1997

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:00 a.m. in the County Building on October 28, 1997.

Members present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black and Corlew.

Absent: Smock.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds - present.

Approved the revised Board Minutes of October 14, 1997 Regular Board Meeting.

Accepted the correspondence as presented.

Approved placement of an ad in the Avalanche Newspaper requesting participation by the community to present their proposed ideas and designs to rejuvenate the logo of the present Crawford County Flag to the County Clerk's Office through November 20, 1997.

Forwarded a response to Judge Hunter regarding his courthouse security concerns and advised him he presented many good security issues, however, his suggestions are not financially feasible nor are they in conformance with the overall security plan.

Approved the Sheriff to sell the 1993 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle which is of no future use to his department.

Amended the agenda to allow Building & Zoning Director Joseph Duran to address the Board.

Accepted the proposal from Milltown Electric of \$4,300.00 to secure and reroute the generator presently in the Sheriff's Dept. to Central Dispatch for backup.

Accepted the proposed G.T.E. Telephone Financial Considerations Lease for Courthouse telephone service on a five year contract less the \$1,200.00 credited from former surcharges inaccurately charged to the County.

Appointed Bruce L. Schroeder to the Family Independence Agency for a term which expires October 31, 2000.

Appointed Terry R. Wright to the Crawford County Library Board for a term which expires October 31, 2002.

Appointed Terry Beardslee to the Crawford County Building Authority for a term which expires August 31, 2000.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

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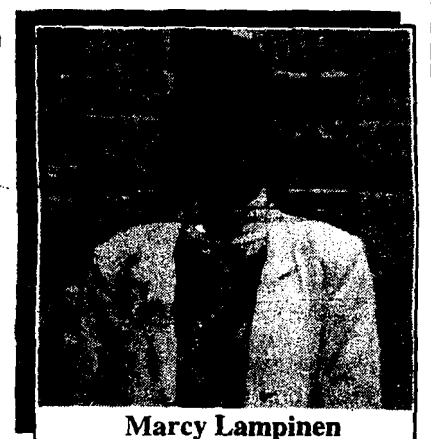
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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96-4100-CK(D)
ERVIN C. CAMPBELL and JEANETTE B. CAMPBELL, husband and wife,
Plaintiff

v.
ROMANA F. PELLETIER, DIANE L. MALLON, et al.
Defendants

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiff

2375 S. I-75 Business Loop,
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
517-348-5232

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure By Sale
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 9th day of September, 1997, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the

highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 5th day of December, 1997 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON JUNIPER WAY

The Grayling Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, beginning at 8 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding approval of the Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Maintenance of Juniper Way, Section 9, T26N, R3W.

Property owners fronting Juniper Way or using same for access to their parcels should attend the hearing or notify the Township in writing prior to the hearing to protect future rights to appeal the assessment.

The Tentative Special Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 1997, the Grayling Township Board adopted Land Division Ordinance No. 97-8 which follows in its entirety and becomes effective upon publication November 26, 1997.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 97-8

Adopted: 11/18/97
Effective: 11/26/97

An ordinance to regulate partitioning or division of parcels or tracts of land; enacted pursuant but not limited to Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, and Act 246 of 1945, as amended, being the Township General Ordinance statute, to provide a procedure therefore; to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith; and to prescribe penalties and enforcement remedies for the violation of this ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: SECTION 1: TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Grayling Township Land Division Ordinance.

SECTION II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the State Land Division Act (1967 PA 288, as amended, formerly known as the Subdivision Control Act), to prevent the creation of parcels of property which do not comply with applicable ordinances and said Act, to minimize potential boundary disputes, to maintain orderly development of the community, and otherwise provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township by establishing reasonable standards for prior review and approval of land divisions within the Township.

SECTION III: DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this ordinance certain terms and words used herein shall have the following meaning:

- A. "Applicant" - a natural person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or combination of any of them that holds an ownership interest in land whether recorded or not.
- B. "Divide" or "Division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, for the purpose of sale or lease of more than one year, or of building development that results in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent, and that satisfies the requirements of Sections 108 and 109 of the State Land Division Act. "Divide" and "Division" does not include a property transfer between two or more adjacent parcels, if the property taken from one parcel is added to an adjacent parcel; and any resulting parcel shall not be considered a building site unless the parcel conforms to the requirements of the State Land Division Act, or the requirements of other applicable local ordinances.
- C. "Exempt split" or "exempt division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof, or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, that does not result in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres of the equivalent.
- D. "Forty acres or the equivalent" - either 40 acres, a quarter-quarter section containing not less than 30 acres, or a government lot containing not less than 30 acres.

SECTION IV: PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LAND DIVISIONS

Land in the Township shall not be divided without the prior review and approval of the Township assessor, or other official designated by the governing body, in accordance with this ordinance and the State Land Division Act; provided that the following shall be exempted from this requirement:

- A. A parcel proposed for subdivision through a recorded plat pursuant to the State Land Division Act.
- B. A lot in a recorded plat proposed to be divided in accordance with the State Land Division Act.
- C. An exempt split as defined in this Ordinance, or other partitioning or splitting that results in parcels of 20 acres or more if each is not accessible and the parcel was in existence on March 31, 1997 or resulted from exempt splitting under the State Act.

SECTION V: APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

An applicant shall file all of the following with the Township assessor or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of a proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contract, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

- A. A completed application form on such form as may be approved by the Township Board.
- B. Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.
- C. A survey map of the land proposed to be divided, prepared pursuant to the survey map requirements of 1970 Public Act 132, as amended, (MCL 54.211) by a land surveyor or licensed by the State of Michigan, and showing the dimensions and legal descriptions of the existing parcel and the parcels proposed to be created by the division(s), the location of all existing structures and other improvements, and the accessibility of the parcels for vehicular traffic and access from existing roads.
- D. Proof that all provisions of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.
- E. If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer.
- F. The payment of any fee established by the Township to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- G. Proof that taxes are paid on the parent parcel or parent tract.

SECTION VI: PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

- A. The Township assessor or designee shall approve or disapprove the land division applied for within 45 days after receipt of a complete application conforming to this Ordinance's requirements and the State Land Division Act, and shall promptly notify the applicant of the decision, and if denied, the reasons for denial.
- B. Any person or entity aggrieved by the decision of the assessor or designee may, within 30 days of said decision appeal the decision to the Township Board which shall consider and resolve such appeal by a majority vote of said Board at its next regular meeting or session affording sufficient time for a 20 day written notice to the applicant (and appellant where other than the applicant) of the time and date of said meeting and appellate hearing.
- C. The assessor or designee shall maintain an official record of all approved and accomplished land divisions or transfers.
- D. Approval of a division is not a determination that the resulting parcels comply with other ordinances or regulations.
- E. The Township and its officers and employees shall not be liable for approving a land division if building permits for construction on the parcels are subsequently denied because of inadequate water supply, sewage disposal facilities or noncompliance with any other ordinance or statute, and any notice of approval shall include a statement to this effect.

SECTION VII: STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS

A proposed land division reviewable by the Township assessor shall be approved if the following criteria are met:

- A. All parcels created by the proposed division(s) meet the minimum width requirements of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance for the particular zoning district in which the property is located.
- B. All such parcels contain the minimum square feet or acreage required in the particular zoning district in which the property is located under the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance.
- C. All parcels created by the proposed division meet the depth-to-width ratio required by M.C.L. 560.109(1)(b).
- D. The proposed land division(s) comply with all requirements of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- E. All parcels created and remaining have existing adequate accessibility, or an area available therefor, for public utilities and emergency and other vehicles.

SECTION VIII: CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

Any division of land in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall not be recognized as a land division on the Township tax roll and no land use thereon which requires the prior issuance of a construction or building permit shall be allowed. The Township shall further have the authority to initiate injunctive or other relief to prevent any violation of continuance of any violation of this Ordinance.

An unlawful division or split shall also be voidable at the option of the purchaser and shall subject the seller to the forfeiture of all consideration received or pledged therefor, together with any damages sustained by the purchaser, recoverable in an action at law.

SECTION IX: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of this ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

SECTION X: REPEAL

All previous Land Division Ordinances affecting unplatted land divisions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; however, this Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any provision in any applicable Zoning Ordinances, Building Codes or other ordinances of the Township which shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any land division approval hereunder.

SECTION XI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication following its adoption.

TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING
MONICA ASHTON, CLERK

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGESALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles L.H. Gosling and Martha L. Gosling, husband and wife to CITIZENS BANK & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on February 27, 1996, in Liber 407 of Crawford County Records, on Page 526; which Mortgage was assigned to BENEFICIAL MICHIGAN, INC., pursuant to a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage recorded on October 14, 1997 in Liber 435, of Crawford County Records, on Page 600; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of \$32,875.88.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 14, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 44, 45, and 46, North Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 20, 1997
CITIZENS BANK
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
TROT & TROT, P.C.
ATTORNEYS FOR CITIZENS BANK,
30150 TELEGRAPH
SUITE 100
BINGHAM FARMS, MICHIGAN 48025
FILE # 97119005

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGESALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank MUTH, survivor of himself & his deceased wife, Geraldine MUTH to CITIZENS BANK & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated June 27, 1982 and recorded on July 6, 1982 in Liber 228, on Page 610, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and modified by Extension and Modification Agreement recorded on June 9, 1992 in Liber 343, on Page 168 and also by Extension and Modification Agreement recorded on September 14, 1995 in Liber 399, on Page 546 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Thirty and 21/100 (\$12,530.21) including interest at 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on December 17, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 1,2,3 and 6, Block 1, Brinks Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 6, 1997
CITIZENS BANK
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97108558

-6-13-20-27-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 83RD DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 97-1T
EAGLE INVESTMENTS AND REAL ESTATE COMPANY,
plaintiff,
v

TIMOTHY A. JENKINS and PENNY J. JENKINS,
Defendants.
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
By: William L. Carey (p31602)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop,
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER

TO TIMOTHY A. JENKINS and PENNY J. JENKINS:

1. An action has been filed against you for land contract forfeiture to certain real estate in Crawford County.
2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.
3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgement by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, the county in which the Defendants last resided.

Dated: 11/5/97
HONORABLE FRANCIS L. WALSH
District Court Judge

-20-27-4

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage ("Mortgage") made by JOHN H. GALLOWAY, unmarried man, Mortgagee, to AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on February 27, 1996, in Liber 407 of Crawford County Records, on Page 526; which Mortgage was assigned to BENEFICIAL MICHIGAN, INC., pursuant to a Corporation Assignment of Real Estate Mortgage recorded on October 14, 1997 in Liber 435, of Crawford County Records, on Page 600; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of \$32,875.88.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof. By virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 18th day of December, 1997, at ten o'clock a.m.: Local Time, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the courthouse building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in the Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said Mortgage, with the interest thereon at 12.5% per annum and legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as Lot 9, Millikin's North River Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records.

During the six months immediately following sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated October 31, 1997
Kimberly A. Gough
DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage
1577 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
BENEFICIAL MICHIGAN, INC.,
Assignee of Mortgage

-6-13-20-27-4

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 11/10/97

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor. All board members were present. There were 10 board members.

Motion by McGregor to accept minutes to meeting of 10/12/97 and 10/30/97. Seconded and carried.

Report were given by the Treasurer and Fire Chief on Fire Department/DPW. Report was given on Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion by Riley that he drafts a letter to County Commissioners requesting more representation on Commission. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to request a zoning change from HSC zoning along 4 Mile Road at the 251 intersection to CSC, including areas approximately 1,000 feet to the area zoned industrial, excluding the area along 5 Mile Road made up of small tracts. Also, properties bordering the west side of I-75 from 4 Mile Road to 5 Mile Road, westerly 1,000 feet. Seconded and carried.

McGregor moves to request change to the zoning map changing the area from Military Road to King Road which is currently zoned AR and RDM, to LDR. Seconded and carried.

Discussion regarding the Land Division Act as board will be asked to pass ordinance at next meeting.

Eight pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding newsletter to be sent to residents and taxpayers regarding bag charge being implemented 1/1/98 at transfer site. Keep stickers to be shown when dropping off metal, recyclables and for summer cleanup.

Holiday Heights road work will probably not happen this year. Payne & Dolan have verbally agreed to honor same price in spring and Treasurer wants it in writing before levying on winter tax bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by McGregor to direct Supervisor to spread Fire Assessment in the amount of \$170,555.00 on the 1998 winter tax bill. seconded and carried.

Discussion regarding procedure for road sign replacement.

Question of cleanup complaint on 6 Mile Road.

Motion by Mobarak to send letter to County Commissioners requesting Edward Holtcamp be reappointed to Planning & Zoning Commission. Seconded and carried.

Consumers Energy has asked for non-exclusive franchise as current one runs out 1/1/98.

Motion by McGregor to show support of MTA's request to pass resolution regarding roads. Seconded and carried.

McGregor moves we approve 3 lot splits: Lew Francis, John & Geraldine Allen and Frank & Ann Chastillon. Seconded and carried.

Question on cleanup of old road side park on South Grayling Road.

Motion to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

Motion to transfer \$11,000.00 from General Fund to Fire District Fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

Kirtland math instructor awarded faculty fellowship

Kirtland Community College math instructor, Nicholas Holton has been awarded a Faculty Fellowship from Michigan Campus Compact and the Corporation for National Service. Only five fellowships were awarded in Michigan. Holton will coordinate a multi-phase approach to integrate technology in mathematics education in the West Branch-Rose City School district. Holton said that "If the initial phase of this program is successful, it could be expanded into the other school districts which Kirtland serves."

Christine Inch, Curriculum Coordinator for the West Branch-Rose City School District, said that, "We are delighted to be a part of Mr. Holton's proposal and look forward to being able to implement it." She continued, "Our district welcomes all opportunities to provide our students with the opportunity to experience first-hand outside academic and technological connections to the work they are doing in high school."

In addition to working with high school math students, Holton will provide service learning opportuni-

ties for the students enrolled in his college math classes. To do so, he will work with Steven L. Berg, Director of Kirtland's Volunteer Center and Service Learning Program. "To work in area schools as something other than a student will provide the college student with an eye-opening experience," Berg said.

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STUDENT COUNCIL CANNED FOOD DRIVE -- The Grayling Elementary School Student Council collected over 600 cans of food during a contest held to donate food to the Crawford County Christian Help Center. The classes that collected the most canned food won a pizza party. Winners were Mrs. Leslie's fifth grade, Mrs. Feldhauser's fourth grade and Mrs. Canfield's third grade. Pictured from left Student Council members: Chelsea Green, president; Hannah Hall, vice-president; Mallory Olson, secretary; Kelly Dunkley, treasurer packing can goods to deliver for Thanksgiving.

Red Cross offers gift of knowledge

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and first aid supplies or perhaps a Child Safety Calendar full of lifesaving first aid facts.

In addition, the Red Cross has a variety of books for every person's needs including *Pet First Aid*, *Canoeing & Kayaking*, and many other important health and safety books.

Just a few of the classes being offered are: Babysitting, Community CPR and First Aid, CPR for the

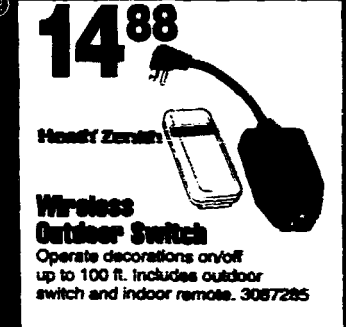
Professional Rescuer, Pet First Aid, and Premarital STD, HIV/AIDS counseling. New classes for 1998 include Healthy Pregnancy/Healthy Baby and Sport Safety Training.

Gift certificates may be purchased at the Red Cross office for any dollar amount. The office is located at 2370 S 1-75 Business Unit D, Grayling, or call (517) 348-9745 or (800) 691-6059. Take courses, buy products and perhaps someday, save a life.

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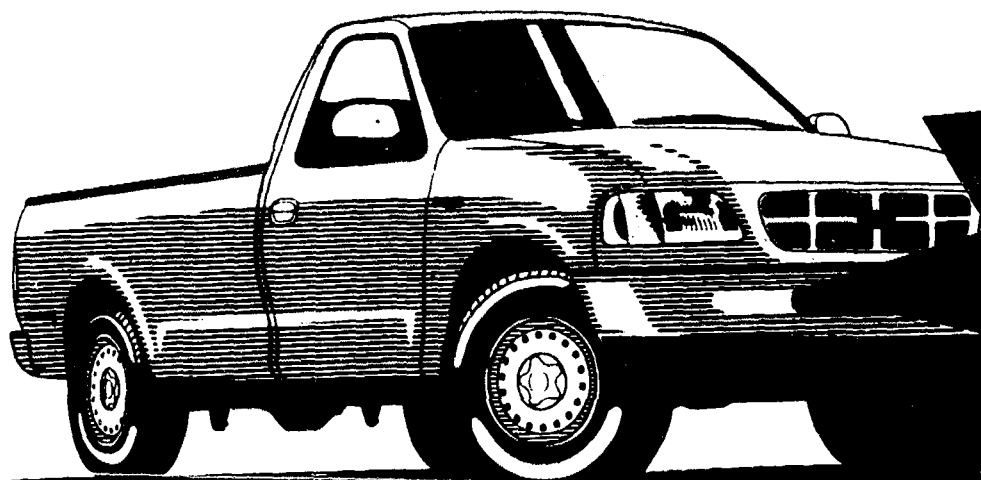
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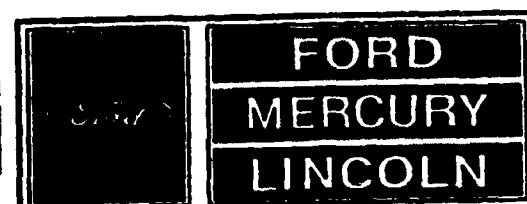
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Fishing & Hunting

Weekly Update

Here we are well into the last week of the firearms deer season and I think it has been very good so far. With almost perfect weather conditions, we have looked at some of the largest bucks in recent history. Also there seems to be good kills each day. The rest of this week should be good. As the weather moderates some and many of us will have time to hunt during the Thanksgiving holiday.


Next Monday will be December 1st, we can start hunting ruffed grouse again, unless we get a lot of snow this hunting may be good for another week or so, also you can start bow hunting again till Jan. 1st.

Duck season is drawing to a close now. Dec. 2nd is the last day. This past weekend was very good.

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earth's bounty, and
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We'd like to join your family in offering our
thanks to God this Thanksgiving holiday.

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ATTENTION

CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS STARTING

DECEMBER 1ST

**In the city limits trash
day has changed from
Fridays to Mondays**

**Recycling will be the
last Monday of every month**



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Toxic water problems worry more Michigan areas

by Jotham Tausig
Capital News Service
Lansing—We use it every day without thinking—to bathe, drink and cook and we expect it will always be there.

Water.

But it may not be as safe as we want—and assume.

Water contamination is a growing concern. Earlier this month, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., introduced legislation to help clean up contaminated sediments from the Great Lakes. The bill would allocate Superfund money to address the problem.

Those sediments may have detrimental effects on human health and the environment.

"To be able to drink it, water needs proper filtration," said Dick Holmberg, an erosion control specialist. "The biggest crisis is that nobody is looking at our beaches, our river systems or the erosion factors that have eliminated these natural areas of filtration."

Beaches and deltas act as giant filters, removing toxins and purifying the water. Trapping and slowing water flow, the sediments allow ultraviolet light to penetrate, eliminating harmful compounds.

Holmberg, of Holmberg Technologies, an environmental consulting firm in Whitehall, believes that beach destruction is leading to an environmental and health crisis.

"It would be scary for people to realize how bad our water systems are," Holmberg said. For example, wells in the Montague area are contaminated.

But switching from wells to surface water may not be a good solution.

"Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Muskegon Heights rely on surface water." The danger according to Holmberg, is that toxins in river water or the Great Lakes can be picked up by pumping stations of neighboring communities.

"If you've got toxins coming out of a basin in Wisconsin and circulating around the lakes because the deltas and beaches are no longer there, you don't have isolation," Holmberg said.

"If they have a problem over there, the

problem's over here."

But eliminating pollutants at the source may be a more effective method for improving water quality.

Overall, the biggest sources of pollution are runoff, sewer overflows and storm water, said Gary Kohlhepp, an Environmental Protection Agency aquatic biologist with the state Department of Environmental Quality.

There are two kinds of pollution sources, "point" sources like industrial drains and chemical spills, and "non-point," which include runoff from lawns.

The major source of contaminants statewide are non-point.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship program, managed by Michigan's Department of Agriculture (MDA) aim to control those sources of contamination. It provides information and methods for individuals and businesses to reduce pesticide and fertilizer use.

A recent national study indicates that pesticides are the most common contaminant in groundwater, said Mark Swartz, groundwater program manager.

"With our monitoring in Michigan, we have the same sort of detection frequency, 4.2 percent of wells that have contaminants at a detectable level," Swartz said. "But this bodes well for us because we're going out and actively looking for problems, and not finding them with as great a frequency as the federal study did."

Some Michigan wells are contaminated with naturally occurring arsenic, according to the Department of Community Health. No one has died, although some families have gotten sick. This month the department alerted doctors in Oakland, Livingston, Huron, Lapeer, Washtenaw, Genesee, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Saginaw and Sanilac counties about the threat.

Meanwhile the MDA is trying to discover how individual households affect groundwater quality.

"Right now, no one in the nation has got a good feel for how much homeowner-based materials are being used," Swartz said. The MDA, Future Farmers of America and Michigan State University are conducting household surveys to profile typical household use.

But homeowners already can take the first step by joining the Home*A*Syst program.

The voluntary, confidential program completed 8,000 household risk assessments last year in the state.

In addition, people can take other steps, such as reading and following directions of pesticide labels.

To join these programs contact: MDA Groundwater Stewardship Program, 4th Floor North Ottawa Building, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909, or phone (517) 335-6529.

Registration at Kirtland extended

If you are a student returning to Kirtland Community College for the Winter Semester and you forgot to take advantage of the college's early registration period last week, you still have time. KCC has extended the time for returning students to register early for the Winter Semester which begins Jan. 16. The early registration period for returning students was set for Nov. 17-21, but has been extended through Friday, Dec. 12.

The hours for registering at the college will be from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Fridays. Students will be expected to make their own appointments with their advisors.

"We want to give our returning students every opportunity to sign up early and register for the classes they need," said Cary Vajda, Dean of Student Services. Late last week the Office of Student Services mailed "Reminder" post cards to returning students who had not yet registered.

The college will hold its regular open registration for both new and returning students Jan. 14-16. Earlier this month hundreds of free copies of the School's Winter Schedule of classes were distributed to various locations throughout the Kirtland district so prospective students could

get the information they needed to make their application to attend KCC, select their classes and prepare for registration.

The Winter Schedule includes, among other items: a college calendar; a campus directory and maps; a schedule of all classes being offered including telecourses and on-line Internet courses; list of faculty advisors; public safety services; students rights & responsibilities; and, most importantly, enrollment information, including procedures for applying for admission, registering, taking placement test, tutoring services, paying tuition and fee costs.

scholarships, receiving financial assistance, and much more. New students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to the registration dates.

Vajda said if prospective students did not receive a copy of the schedule, they should call the Student Services office at Kirtland, (517) 275-5121 Ext. 284, and ask to have one mailed to them.

Vajda also said that for persons with a personal computer and access to the Internet, a copy of the Winter Schedule can also be found on the college's WebPage at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us>

Traverse Symphony Orchestra to perform at Kirtland

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts kicks off its 1997-98 Winter Performing Artist Series with a feature-packed performance by the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. The symphony, under the direction of Maestro David Holland, brings its blend of special holiday magic to Kirtland Community College on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m.

This performance is made possible through the support of Sharp's Corner IGA of Higgins Lake and The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

In addition to the full symphony, this Yuletide Extravaganza features the Bay Shore Four barbershop quartet, and the 42 voice Roscommon High School Choir, under the direction of music instructor/choir director Linda Diment.

The concert includes traditional instrumental favorites, a selection arranged by S. Norcott entitled "A Barbershop Christmas" by the Bay Shore Four and, the highlight of the evening, the Roscommon High School Choir singing "Christmas - Tide," a medley of 11 traditional Christmas Carols for mixed chorus and orchestra arranged by Rosario Bourbon.

Additional Winter Performing Artist Series artists include: The Kingston Trio's 40th anniversary concert (24 Jan), a special Valentine's Day performance by The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra (14 Feb), The Four Freshmen (7 Mar), the hysterical musical theatre mega-hit, Forever Plaid (4 Apr) and duopianists Landsberg & Yount (2 May).

Tickets for the symphony range in price from \$12 to \$20 with discounts for students and seniors. Winter series tickets range in price from \$66 to \$98 and represent a significant discount over single ticket prices. For ticket information, or if you would like to make a reservation, please contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.


RANGE FIRING

There will be no range firing at Camp Grayling during the period of Nov. 27 through Dec. 3 due to firearm deer season.

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An estimated 1.4 million Michiganders—15 percent of the population—will travel during the 1997 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan. According to an Auto Club survey, 45 percent of those traveling will be heading to a destination within Michigan. Many of the out-of-state trips will be to Florida or Illinois.

One of the busiest travel periods of the year, the Thanksgiving holiday is expected to generate heavy traffic volumes on the state's roads and runways.

"Travelers should plan ahead," says Bill Best, AAA Michigan Travel Service Director.

According to Best, some airlines may limit the size and number of carry-on items, especially during heavy travel periods when planes are at full capacity. Thanksgiving travelers should be prepared to take only one relatively small carry-on item.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport estimates that as many as 105,000 persons per day will use the airport on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 26) and 110,000 the Sunday following (Nov. 30). This represents a substantial increase from the normal daily traffic pattern of 80,000 passengers per day.

Airport officials recommend arriving at least two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international flights. Other suggestions:

•Expect heavy congestion in front of the terminals around curb fronts. Curb will be reserved for active

loading and unloading only. Drivers dropping off or picking up passengers will not be allowed to wait. Park in short-term parking and meet your party in the baggage claim area, Best advises.

•New security measures may mean more hand-searches of checked and carry-on baggage, which may cause slowdowns at check-in and screening check points. "Experienced travelers are prepared to have all baggage hand-checked, even though it may not be necessary," said Best.

•All passengers are required to have photo identification regardless of the type of ticket issued (paper or electronic). International travelers will be required to present a valid passport for themselves and their children.

•Wrap gifts AFTER you arrive at your destination. Security personnel may request that gifts be unwrapped at screening check points.

•Stay calm in lines and during inspections. Don't make jokes or take actions that may be construed as threatening.

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The 102-hour Thanksgiving Day holiday (6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, to midnight Sunday, Nov. 30) is traditionally a time for family travel. But the holiday also falls at the tail end of the firearm deer hunting season, which means hunters will take advantage of the long holiday weekend. An estimated 750,000 hunters

are expected to take to the forests and fields between Nov. 15 and 30. A large deer herd, combined with large numbers of cars on the road, creates a high probability for collision. In 1996, more than 68,000 deer-vehicle crashes were reported, up from more than 62,000 in 1995. Six persons died and 2,221 were injured as a result of these crashes.

Michigan motorists will find gasoline plentiful during the weekend, paying an average 12 cents less per gallon than last year at this time. A gallon of self-serve regular unleaded currently averages \$1.162 statewide.

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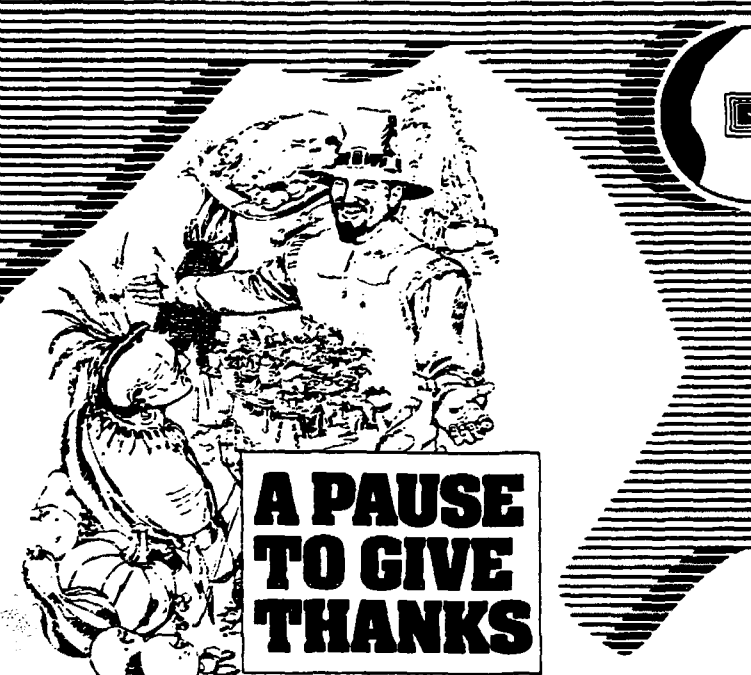
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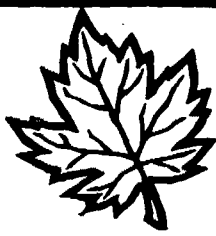
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North Branch Outing Club will live again

Douglas Hotel in Lovells to be fixed up and reopened

Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The new owners of the Douglas Hotel to be named the North Branch Outing Club again are planning to enter the second 100 years. As they proceed with their extensive renovation plans, it is also their intent to apply for status on the National Register and obtain historical designation through the State of Michigan.

Darrell Fuller, formerly of Niles, MI, was an industrial designer with Clark Equipment for 20 years, retiring in 1985 to become self-employed as a carver of wood decoys. He and wife, Judy, cover art shows in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin 30 weeks each year with their decoys and other wares. Fuller is still an equipment design consultant for firms in Utah and South Dakota.

Judy Fuller retired from teaching after 24 years in adult and elementary education to work full time in the family decoy business. Her collection of antique furniture and other interesting artifacts are expected to decorate the inn when it's completed.

"I know there was wonderful furniture and tableware used at the Douglas Hotel," she said, "but I'm glad we didn't go to the auction. We would have wanted everything. Miss Douglas, I've heard, was a collector and so am I. We've been collecting special things for 30 years, probably for this exact purpose. Call it the American dream or nightmare — but for better or not, we're here to stay."

This is now our home."

The steam radiators and the lighting fixtures in every room will be retained. Family decorator and professional hotel designer, daughter Kimberly, is a hospitality designer.

"The historical significance of these buildings must be kept if we're to recreate the atmosphere of the old



FIRE ESCAPE — Todd Fuller shows how the fire escape used to work at the Douglas Hotel. The rope was attached to a ring in the floor, and in case of fire guests climbed down the rope from the second floor. (Photo by Shirley Schmoock)

days for our guests," she said. "The period of these buildings is not all the same. We have a unique mixture of prairie and post-Victorian."

Kimberly will serve the family as historian and preservationist. She is particularly interested in the wood turnings and specialty moldings formerly used in the better homes and hotels.

Kimberly is currently working on the Soaring Eagle Hotel in Mt. Pleasant and has recently done work on the Homestead in Glen Arbor, Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, and the Hampton Inn in Grand Rapids. She said of the Douglas Hotel, however, "we want that 'old lodge' look, so we'll keep the dark burnished woodwork, the ornamentation on the porches, and save everything we can."

Well, perhaps not the everything. "The porch overhang was painted the most terrible blue," said Judy Fuller. "I'm told that the (blue) color was to keep the bugs all attracted to the ceiling and off the guests! If there's more to that story, I'd like to hear it."

As the family proceeds with the top-to-bottom renovation, which has included pulling up the old linoleum — they've found newspapers from the 1920's they hope to frame for interest. Of even greater importance, moreover, they've been given the use of old photographs of the hotel and of Lovells, which they are having reproduced for display. This collection is on loan to them from Thomas Douglas of Traverse City, nephew of Margaret Douglas.

"We're so fortunate to have the

Douglas family share these photos with us. We can restore nearly every detail of the hotel based upon the wealth of information these photos provide," said Judy Fuller.

"We're going to open the store and the main floor first," she said, "and continue to open other rooms and suites as they become restored." Judy seems particularly fond of explaining how guests entered a wide lobby area, hung up their coats and fishing gear on a bank of brass hooks which covered much of one wall, and then washed up in a triple-sink affair called "the gentlemen's bath."

The Fuller's son, Todd, is the third partner in the Douglas Hotel renovation project. He's an industrial designer and program manager for the Eaton Corporation in Kalamazoo.

Todd says "we must maintain the integrity of the place," which will mean replacing the broad front porch on the store and replacing much of the porch sections on the house. His primary aim, which includes achieving structural soundness, is to ensure that "our guests can walk back through history," without falling through the floor.

"We want to deliver to people what T. E. Douglas did in the 1920s. The building, considering its age, is remarkably well maintained," Todd said. "And, even though it was closed for business in the 1950's, it was very well built and cared for by Miss Douglas."

Todd and wife, Cara, will eventually move into the apartment formerly occupied by Miss Douglas and



NEW OWNERS — The Fuller family has taken on the formidable job of restoration of the Old Douglas Hotel at Lovells. From left: Darrell, Judy, Kimberly, Cara and Todd Fuller, with Champ, the Lodge Dog

help manage the inn. Cara is a marketing specialist for a glass manufacturer, and it will fall to her to produce the advertising for the North Branch when it becomes ready for occupants.

The Fullers expect to create wildlife teaching programs for their guests, and to fill the old general store with specialty wildlife items. The store was closed in 1950, but for a long time, it serviced the entire area

with household goods and general merchandise. It also served as the Lovells Post Office, although the record is not clear on specific dates of its operation.

The entire area, of course, is steeped in pioneer tradition. These events continue to unfold as the Fuller family examines their surroundings and the photographic history they've acquired. And, their fantastic adventure has just begun.



OLD HOTEL — The old Douglas Hotel in Lovells is now being restored by the Darrell Fuller family. The facility includes most of the original structure, and should be open for business next spring.



DINING SPLENDOR — The dining room at the Douglas Hotel and North Branch Outing Club, as it was set for guests, will be restored to its past splendor in the Fuller family restoration program.

Lovells has survived a lot over last 100 years

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

At the turn of the 20th Century, the northern regions of Michigan were alive with hunters, lumbermen, fishermen, and the women and children who supported their endeavors. Railroad spurs led into the remote backlands of the state, and small thriving communities sprouted around those spur-heads like spring flowers after a warm rain.

Lovells was such a community, though positioning the former "downtown Lovells" by its legal description of yesteryear would require nothing short of an act of God. Tree markers have been destroyed by fire, roads have been rerouted, and the stage line is no longer connected at either end.

The actual locale of "the bend in the stream NW of the largest part of the North Fork of the Sauble, clean and cold," remains largely unknown, as do the whereabouts of the many "witness trees" referenced in the original documents.

Today, the Lovells railroad station is nonexistent. The Douglas sawmills, which once employed hundreds of men and boys, have burned to the ground. The hunting parties of historic note live on — but

only in the Douglas Hotel registry.

Fortunately, the resurrection of the old landmark hotel is ongoing at this writing. What once overlooked the broad wooden pavilion — site of box socials, general elections, and numerous wedding receptions — will open once more to overnight guests. By Spring of 1998, the Fuller family hopes to be advertising the North Branch Outing Club.

The builder of the original hotel, Canadian born T. E. Douglas, married and moved to Grayling in 1893, where he managed the lumber interests of Rasmus Hanson. Douglas built his own sawmill in Lovells in 1898—the tiny settlement a Michigan Central Station in 1889.

Douglas asked his father, Joseph, to manage this new mill, while engaging his mother, Charlotte, to run the general store. He provided them a home above the store. This structure burned in 1902 but was promptly rebuilt in 1903. This larger living quarters also included 8 guest rooms. With the original steam radiators soon to be powered by gas conversion heat, this 1903 section of rooms will be available to guests when the hotel reopens.

T. E. Douglas, his wife Martha, and two children — Margaret and

Edgar — moved to Lovells in 1908 and began to occupy the store/house themselves, erecting a new house for his parents next to the store. The parent's house is still standing, and Darrell and Judy Fuller expect not only to rehabilitate its elegant front porches and their moldings, but to live in the home and turn the expanded garage section into a studio-workshop for their wood decoy business.

These buildings, as well as an ice house, a chapel and a battery storage garage, were located on the Old Bald Hill Road, and the Douglas lumbering enterprises were directly across the river from them. Old Bald Hill Road was part of the stage coach run.

But, misfortune struck in the form of fire in May of 1908, and the sawmill, lath mill, stave mill, shingle mill, and the electric lighting plant would be burned at a \$10,000 loss — a huge sum in those days.

The lumber yard and barns were saved, but the fire put more than 100 men out of work for much of the year. The Lewiston Fire Department came to battle the fire on a special train, but little was left of the huge complex except smoldering ash and ruin.

Forest fires continued to plague the area in June of that year, yet by December, a new bridge crew had arrived to rebuild the old wooden structure. There was not an empty house in town, and grumbling began over the shortage of good housing. And though the trains were again running and the new bridge was opened to traffic, local voices cried that because it had no railings, "cart and man will tumble into the depths, injuring all who dared to use the crooked thing."

Grumbling aside, another mill was built without delay, but it too burned down in July of 1910. The lumber yard was saved, but this time the losses exceeded \$12,000. Astounding though it might seem, another saw mill was up and running by October of that same year, and the machinery was in place to frame up the shingle mill. That mill opened in February of 1912, and the Feldhauser brothers built a portable saw mill to operate in conjunction with it.

As the area continued to change from lumbering to serving the needs of hunters and fishermen, the Douglas Hotel altered its character accordingly. The largest portion of the hotel — 22 guest rooms — was

added in 1916. This addition also contained a large living and formal dining room, as well as living quarters. Sometimes the traffic was so heavy at the inn, that cots were set up in the attic or across the road in the pavilion located at water's edge.

The original North Branch Outing Club headquartered at the Douglas Hotel, and Henry Ford, Edsel Ford, Harvey Firestone, and the Dodge brothers. The Dodge brothers, incidentally, were also among those founding the famed AuSable Trout & Game Club.

Restoring the old Douglas Hotel to equal its salad days is and will continue to be quite a chore. But, although it seems a monumental task, those now willing to bring themselves to the job, seem more than equal to the challenge ahead.

Margaret Douglas, the hotel's last resident and namesake, had enjoyed robust health until a few years ago. She never married, but she was active in community life and maintained the hotel to high standards for many years. She retired after 39 years of teaching in 1975, and a walk through the high ceilinged rooms, with glass lighting globes still hanging in their original form, tells of a time when the grandeur of

the Douglas Hotel stood its ground with any establishment of the era.

The paper has faded and the walls need paint, but the modest splendor of the age can still be seen in the polished woodwork and moldings. The general store will soon be stocked not with bags of flour and salt, but with wood carvings and delicate birds and wildlife novelties. The solid cedar shelves have already been cleaned of grime and old paint, and the maple floors — all in excellent condition throughout the building — are being sanded and prepared for occupancy.

Area residents have been stopping by to observe the progress being made by the Fullers. That could have been expected, considering the amount of building going on and the changes being made after so many years of silence on Old Bald Hill Road.

The Fullers, of course, only hope that the residents of Lovells and the surrounding area will help them achieve that "old fashioned, museum quality" they're trying to bring to the Douglas complex. And, if anyone has something from the old hotel they'd like to see displayed, the Fullers said they would greatly appreciate the consideration.

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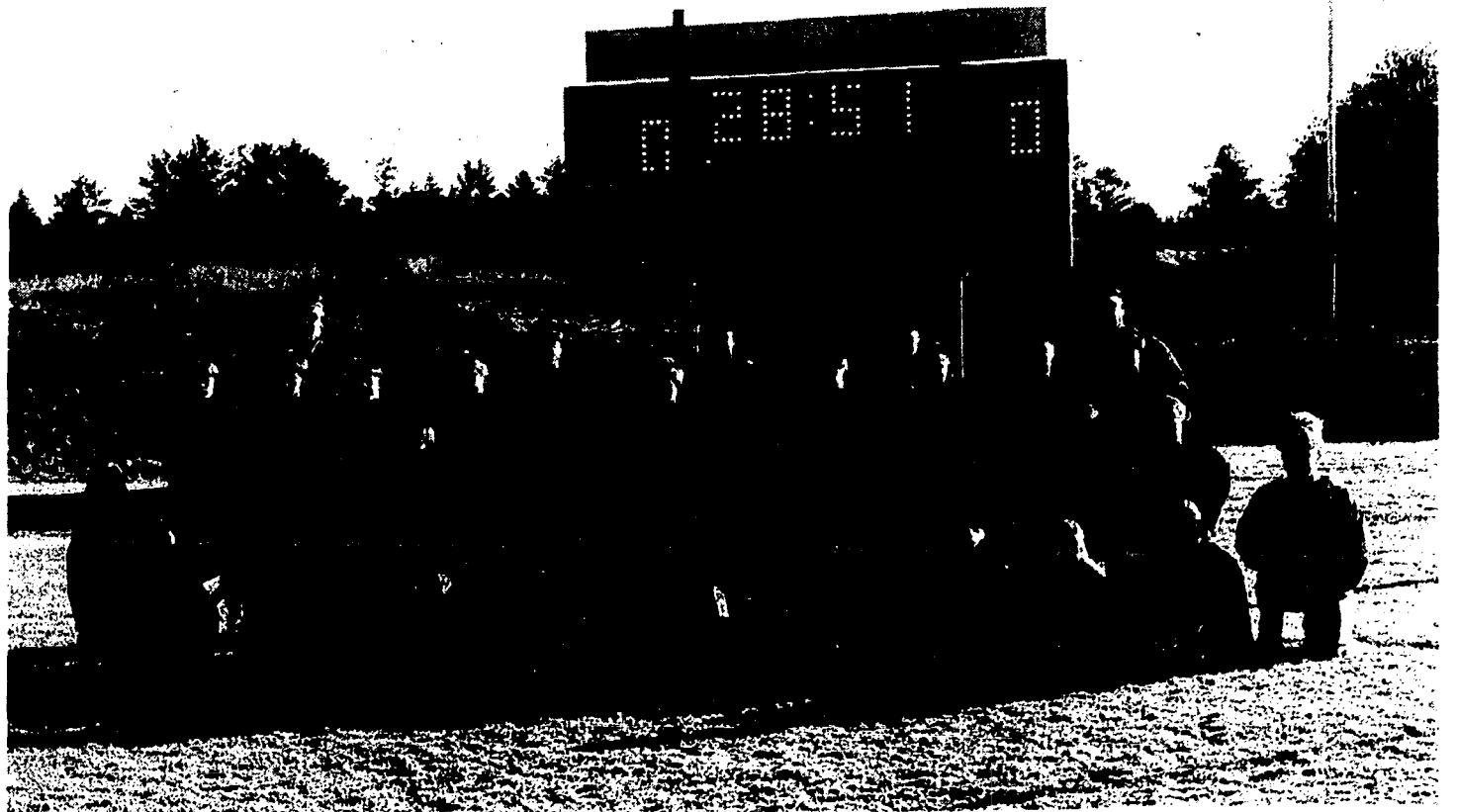
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Volleyball turnout swamps program

More than 100 girls signed up to play volleyball at Grayling high school this year, virtually swamping school officials.

So far, only varsity and junior varsity teams are in the official Grayling school program.

Ninth grade volleyball was planned to be added next year.

However, because of the wide interest in the sport, the Crawford AuSable Board of Education is looking into moving up the schedule

and adding a freshman team this year.

Cost would be relatively low — cost of a coach, primarily, according to Trustee Brian Banda. Uniforms probably would be available already, and the freshman team likely would play the same schedule as the junior varsity team, and travel to away games with them, he said.

The board is expected to take action on the question soon.



ON THE WAY — Freshman II quarterback Travis Gildner runs against the Mio Dolphins.

Schools appoint two new coaches

Two new coaches were appointed by the Crawford AuSable District School Board last week (Nov. 17).

Donna Boughner received two new jobs, in addition to her regular position as high school math teacher.

She also has been hired as junior varsity girls volleyball coach, and varsity girls softball coach.

Duane VanDrese, social studies teacher at Grayling Middle School, was named eighth grade boys basketball coach.

One coaching resignation was accepted. Mike Neff resigned as Grayling high school girls varsity track coach, but will continue his regular job as physical education teacher at Grayling Elementary.



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Redskins Freshman II and Junior Varsity recap seasons

The Grayling Redskins Freshman II football team, comprised of 5th and 6th grade boys, finished a successful season with a 5-2 record. At the program's annual banquet Nov. 2, Head Coach Rick Schmidt presented a number of awards to members of his young squad.

Boys honored for their exceptional play included Co-Most Valuable Players Ryan Schmidt and Roy Czapek, Defensive Player of the Year Dustin Partello, and Offensive Player of the Year Darryl Babbitt. Schmidt led the team with more than 1,000 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns while Czapek led a stingy defense with more than 100 tackles.

The starting offense included Schmidt and Babbitt at running back, Czapek at center, Travis Gildner at quarterback, Partello and Chris Riggs at tackle positions, Trevor Clough and Dan Snider at guard positions, and Matt Nederhoed and Pat McNally at end positions.

In addition to Partello and Czapek, defensive standouts included Casey Darling at tackle, Josh Hinkle at cornerback, Gibson Tobin at safety and Andy Strohpaul at linebacker.

Assisting Schmidt in the coaching department were Russ Strohpaul, Tom McPherson, Darryl Babbitt, Sr., and Steve Czapek.

Head Coach Schmidt felt his players did an outstanding job over the course of the year and thanked the many volunteers who assisted the Redskin program. Specifically Schmidt gave credit to Candy Gorr and Lisa Messerschmidt for running the concession stand; Bill Hurd and Bud Morgan for announcing; Denise Caverly for managing the gate and Freshman II cheerleading squad; Gail Belcher and Anita Merchant for coaching the Junior Varsity cheerleaders; and Judy Morgan for administration.

The Junior Varsity team coached by Dee Mead played a competitive schedule in the Southern Division of the S.A.M. Football League and wound up the year with a 2-5 record. Mead felt his group learned a lot about football while they lost several close games during the season.

Boys receiving awards at the Junior Varsity Banquet included Fullback Zach Ostrander as Offensive Player of the Year, Linebacker Brett Mead as Defensive Player of the Year, Running Back Matt Cottrell as Most Improved Player, Quarterback Caleb Mead as Tough Man, and Tight End Justin Hanes as Scholar/Athlete.

Mead noted that other key players for the 7th grade Redskin team included Chris Wakeley at quarterback and defensive back, and Roy Middleton at both the offensive and defensive tackle positions. The other Redskin coaches were Rich Cook who handled the offense, Bob Mead who worked with the linemen, and Mike Joseph who ran the offense.



SEVENTH GRADE JAYVEES — Back row, left to right: Coach Dee Mead, Dustin Ellis, John Baker, Shane Ferrell, Travis Lane, Bryan Winchester, Roy Middleton, Matt Strohpaul, Coach Rich Cook. Front row: Justin Hanes, Caleb Mead, Zach Ostrander, Brandon Jacobs, Robert Jewell, Matt Cottrell, Ryan Messerschmidt, Chris Wakely, Brett Mead. In front: Ball boy Neil Cook. Missing at picture time were Travis Fagan, Kyle Fleischman, Steve Gildner, Chris Johns, Dan Mahaney, Josh Messerschmidt, R. J. Roshy, Shawn VanLuchene and Coaches Bob Mead and Mike Joseph.



THROUGH THE HOLE — Freshman II MVP Ryan Schmidt breaks through the hole created by Darryl Babbitt and Matt Nederhoed in the Mio game.

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HASKEL CHANGES TO PINSTRIPE -- Ben Haskel (L) looks for movement on the line as John Huss (R) mans the down mark.

Viking award winner trades jersey for pinstripes

1996-97 Grayling High School "Viking" Award winner Ben Haskel didn't take long to return to the Don Ferguson Football Field after finishing his football career last year. Haskel, a two year starter for Head Coach Rodney Patterson's football team, made his M.H.S.A.A. debut as a referee during a Junior Varsity contest on October 9th, 1997.

Currently a freshman at Central Michigan University, Haskel joined the long-time Grayling referee crew of Mark Golnick, Butch Brown,

Terry Wakeley, and Dave Latuzek for the 1997 football season.

In addition to officiating high school games, Haskel started with a number of Grayling Redskins contests in early September of this year. Inspired by the solid leadership of Grayling High School coaches Patterson, Chuck Spencer, Fred Wolcott, Rich Moffitt and Butch Hayes, Haskel hopes to become certified for baseball and basketball officiating in the future.

Youth bowlers gobble up turkeys

The Grayling Youth Bowling league is off to a strong start this year. The league has over 100 participants broken up into three different leagues.

Coach Ron Case said, "This year's theme is Movie Rama and the leagues are the action league, cartoon league, and the comedy league."

The action league is for bowlers who are 13 to 20 years old and the other two leagues are for bowlers between the ages of 6 and 12.

On Nov. 15, the bowlers bowled to win turkeys for Thanksgiving. The winners are based on high over average.

"The bowlers had a lot of fun and we had some real good averages. It has been really nice having Rochette donate 10 turkeys and then we buy 10

because it gives us a chance to give out more turkeys," said Case.

The turkey winners for the action league were Jeff Hoesli, Glen Cousins, Jason Arwood, and Carman Romain.

The turkey winners for the cartoon league were Tiffany Moggo, Jonathan Handy, Tiffany Davis, and Shane Isenbauer.

The turkey winners for the comedy league were Jacob Armstrong, Brittany Yanniello, Brittany Turner, and Joshua Mastey.

The Youth Bowling League has a Holidays Doubles Tournament coming up soon, where the bowler and a partner bowl to win a plaque. The Family Twosome is in January where the bowler bowls with an adult. Savings Bond Tournament will be held in March.



BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	38-10
Computer Services.....	33-15
M.M.L.D.....	29-19
C.S.I.....	26-22
R & M Masonary.....	23-25
Gary's Drywall.....	17-31
Suttles Truck Leasing.....	17-31
Bye.....	9-39
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 233; R. Pyle, 211; R. Hinds, 201.	
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 642; R. Pyle, 527; R. Kehring, 502.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 191; S. Sumner, 189; M. Miller, 186.	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 537; M. Miller, 522; M. Hawkins, 516.	

National First

Northern White Tail.....	34-14
Moore's Auto Parts.....	29-19
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....	26-22
Forest Brothers.....	25-23
Legion & D. Ross Const.....	24-24
City Environmental.....	21-27
Weyerhaeuser.....	19-29
Guns & Grub.....	14-34
High Game: D. Henning, 247; T. Kotrash, 212; C. Golnick, 210.	
High Series: D. Henning, 597; T. Kotrash, 582; C. Golnick, 564.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	33-15
Jackson Trio.....	30-18
Airway Automation.....	28-20
C.S.I.....	27-21
Moshier Auto.....	25 1/2-22 1/2
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	21-27
A Team.....	14-34
Barber Construction.....	12 1/2-35 1/2
High Game: D. Germain, 225; Ray McIntyre, 216; B. Palmer, 208.	
High Series: T. Devins, 585; B. Palmer, 572; A. Angove, 560.	

Recreation League

Cornell's.....	29-19
Mickey Perez CPA.....	28-30
Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	25-23
Scheer Motors.....	24-24
Glen's Market.....	24-24
Peterson Saw Service.....	22-26
Mark 8.....	21-27
North Country R.V.....	19-29
High Game: P. Terry, 198; D. Armstrong, 193; V. Balmes, 192.	
High Series: D. Armstrong, 548; B. Wheeler, 528; L. Dellar, 486.	

Northwood League

Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	27 1/2
Rochette's.....	27
Milltown Carpet.....	26
Millikin's.....	25 1/2
R. Calkins & Sons.....	23
Rich's Cycle Service.....	18
Helsel Brothers.....	17
R & M Masonary.....	12
High Game: M. Starks, 212; T. Jones, 192; L. Dannenberg, S. Harney, 190.	
High Series: M. Starks, 574; L. Danneberg, 536; S. Harney, 514.	
Gift Certificate Winners: Denise Boonie; Billie Jo Miller; Michelle Starks; and Sherry Harney.	

American Men's League

McLean's Ace.....	21-7
Fenton's Auto.....	17-11
Auto Parts.....	16-12
Upper Lakes.....	11-17
Red Barn.....	10-18
Stitches by Sue.....	10-18
Northwood Land.....	14-14
Burnside RV.....	13-15
High Game: R. Mansfield, 237; D. Canfield, 215; J. Arwood, 213.	
High Series: R. Mansfield, 623; D. Canfield, 593; T. Kotrash, 592.	

Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us.....	29 1/2-18 1/2
Stevens Family Circle.....	28-20
Buccielli's Pizza.....	26-22
Baynam Wood Products.....	24-24
Cornell Realty.....	23-25
Totten's Body Shop.....	21 1/2-26 1/2
Sylvester's Sports.....	21-27
Flowers by Josie.....	19-29
Men's High Game: K. Harris, 215; J. Essiambre, H. Ingram, 191; R. Biron, 189.	
Men's High Series: K. Harris, 549; R. Biron, 534; L. Essiambre, 521.	
Women's High Game: P. Harris, 207; R. Joyce, 193; S. Dykstra, 180.	
Women's High Series: P. Harris, 544; R. Joyce, 486; G. Donnelly, 467.	

Cartoon League

Looney Tunes.....	20-4
Ninja's.....	20-4
Scooby Doo's.....	16 1/2-7 1/2
3 Stooges.....	10-14
Aristocats.....	9-15
Goose Bumps.....	9-15
Rug Rats.....	7 1/2-16 1/2
Flintstones.....	4-20
High Game: Male: J. Dreasky, 139; Female: D. Lovely, 111.	
High Series: Male: J. Dreasky, 253; Female: D. Lovely, 213.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Mastey, 47; Female: B. Turner, 48.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Armstrong, 53; Female: B. Turner, 38.	
Turkey Shoot Winners: J. Armstrong, B. Yanniello; B. Turner; and J. Mastey.	

Action League

Men in Black.....	24-8
Lethal Weapons.....	24-8
Strike 2 Judgments.....	22-10
Phantoms.....	14-18
Natural Born Killers.....	14-18
Women in Black.....	12-20
J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	11-21
Kung Fu Mania.....	7-25
High Game: Male: R. Stropaul, 184; Female: C. Romain, 214.	
High Series: Male: D. Wilhelm, 488; Female: C. Romain, 502.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: R. Stropaul, 48; Female: C. Romain, 86.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Hoesli, 95; Female: C. Romain, 118.	
Turkey Shoot Winners: J. Hoesli; G. Cousins; J. Arwood; and C. Romain.	

Comedy League

Black Sheep.....	17-7
Tin Cups.....	15-9
Clerk's.....	15-9
Spy's.....	14-10
Nutty Professors.....	13-11
Space Jammers.....	11-13
Wild Natures.....	8-16
Paul Bearers.....	3-21
High Game: Male: J. Handy, 112; Female: K. Davis, 119.	
High Series: Male: J. Handy, 214; Female: K. Davis, 199.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Fairbotham, 37; Female: T. Moggo, 36.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Fairbotham, 6; Female: T. Moggo, 33.	
Turkey Shoot Winners: T. Moggo; J. Handy; T. Davis; and S. Isenbauer.	

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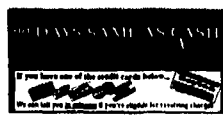
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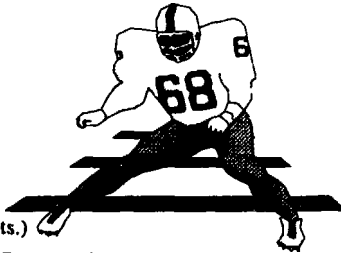
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Tracy Thorne was the winner of week # 13, with a total of 20 correct. She tied with Greg Gothro and Rodney Adkison, but her tiebreaker pick of 43 was close to the actual tiebreaker score of 42, than the other two. Six others followed with 19 correct. Last week, the game between Philadelphia and Baltimore ended up a tie, Philadelphia did not win. Everyone who chose Baltimore got credit for it, and all totals were corrected to reflect that. Also, in listing the overall leaders, the totals were through week #12, not Week #8 like it stated. Following are the corrected overall totals through Week #12.

Overall leaders through Week #12

Last week's winners:

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3. Tennessee
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5. New England
6. N.Y. Jets
7. Atlanta
8. Philadelphia
9. Chicago (20)
10. Carolina
11. Cincinnati
12. Kansas City
13. San Francisco
14. Tie (OT)
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16. Penn St.
17. Michigan St.
18. U of M (34) (3 pts.)



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- Julie Gates, 151
- Jon Thompson, 151
- Carol LaMotte, 150
- Kim Schmidt, 150
- Alf Svensen, 150
- Robert A. Gennrich, 149
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- Doug Latuszek, 149
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Game 18

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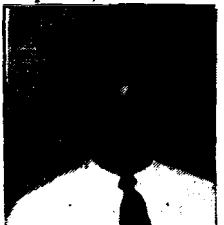
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For The Week Of November 23-29

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Develop your intellectual powers to simplify your pursuit of an intriguing goal. Relay your observations to a disinterested third party to ensure an objective point of view. There could be gold in an idea that at first seems utterly useless.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Social gatherings prove to be hectic, but could also be the source of a rare opportunity. Don't be shy about sharing your dreams with another. Help could come from a most unexpected source. This weekend, business should take a back seat to pleasure and family.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Beware an offer that seems too good to be true. Focus on developing a budget—and then stick to it. If you're contemplating a really big purchase, consult an expert. In romance, look before you leap. Some ill-chosen words have the potential to wreak havoc.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

This is a great weekend for out-of-town travel. Be sure to keep the gas tank full and check your car over before you leave. Look to a family member for some words of wisdom concerning a situation at work. You're especially lucky on Friday.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Someone who's being unusually difficult could have a hidden reason. A little detective work on your part could reveal a simple—and surprising—solution. Follow your instincts where a potential investment is concerned. And a second opinion wouldn't hurt, either.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Clear your desk early in the week to free yourself up for an exciting event. A tough project will require teamwork—and might bring out the worst in someone. Try to look past the obvious and focus on something positive. Your tact could win you a lifetime friend this week.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

This is a good week to work on building up a personal relationship. A serendipitous encounter leads to an unexpected opportunity. A major decision looms, so be sure that you're fully aware of who you are and what you want. Lie to yourself, and you'll pay the price.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Don't let a compliment go to your head. A difficult situation holds a rare chance at its core. Turn the tables on your opponent and you'll benefit far more than you expect. Look to a family member for a pearl of wisdom that will come in handy in the immediate future.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Your sunny outlook has a powerful influence on those around you. Look to your past for clues to a complicated problem in the here and now. Balance your budget this week, and then let yourself splurge a bit—within reason—this weekend.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

This is a great week to start an improvement project of some sort. Fitness would be a good goal, or you might tackle a project around the house. Someone close to you could be in need of some extra love and attention. Try to be understanding this weekend.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

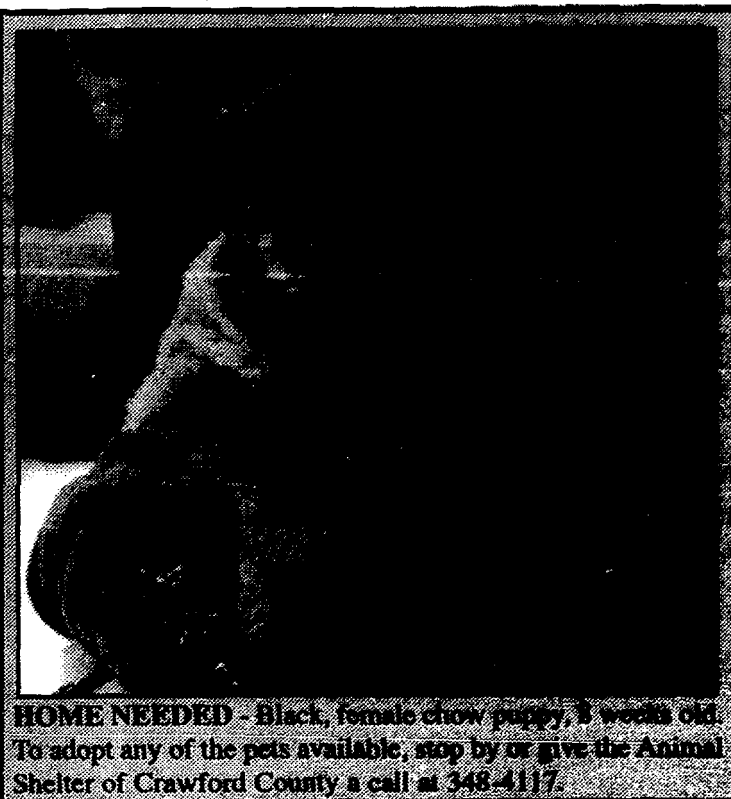
Avoid the temptation to overeat this week. Gather family and friends together for some important social time. A friend from far away calls with some surprising news. Work to deepen a relationship, and you'll enjoy a renewed sense of well-being.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

A small, repetitive task holds the key to an important insight about your character. Don't seek to avoid the difficult this week. Instead, plunge right in, and you'll see the waters part before you. An irresistible force is about to meet an immovable object.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



HOME NEEDED - Black, female chow puppy, 1 week old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Country Turkey w/Mixed Vegetables

1 (15 oz.) can mixed vegetables with liquid.
1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
1 1/2 - 2 C. cooked turkey, cubed
1 C. tomato, chopped
1 1/2 C. cheddar cheese, shredded (save some for garnish)
1 can refrigerated biscuits, Southern style

In a large saucepan combine vegetables, soup & turkey. Heat through over medium heat. Bake biscuits according to package directions. Meanwhile, chop tomato and grate cheese. Add tomato & cheese to mixture in saucepan. Mix well. Spoon over biscuits and serve hot. Option: Spoon over toast or buttered noodles instead of biscuits. Top with crumbled crisp fried bacon bits. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

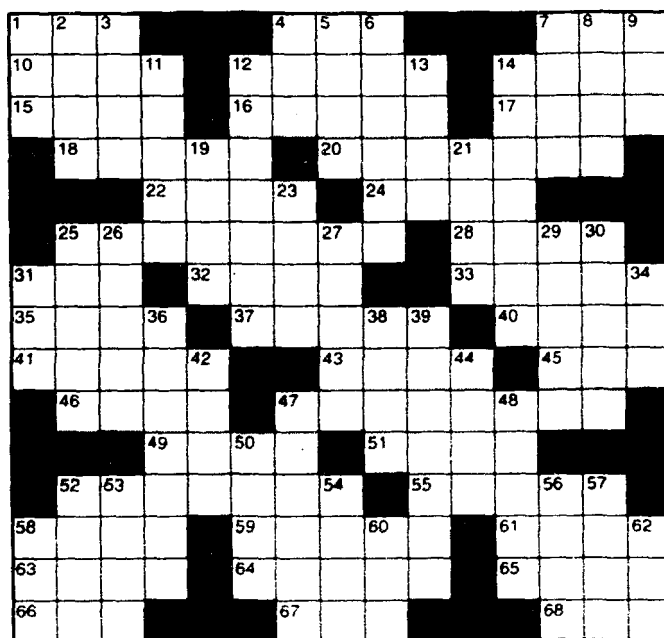
Turkey & Noodle Dinner

1 1/2 C. turkey, cooked and diced
6 oz. egg noodles
1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
1 (15 oz.) can mixed vegetables with liquid
Pepper to taste
Dash of sage (optional)

Cook egg noodles according to directions on package. Combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Simmer over medium heat until warmed through. Serves 4 to 6.



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- Wallace's hero
- Pivotal
- Fall into an easy chair
- Rebound
- Pay
- Corona
- Bryant, of OJ ads
- First name in lingerie
- Katmandu's country
- Parodies
- She scats with cats
- Guided missile
- Able to happen
- Stadium level
- Appreciative taster's cry
- _____cat (form of baseball)
- "The Fox And The Grapes" fable
- Gustaf Clapton
- Seeds
- Check end
- Wyoming mountain
- Scout Carson et al
- Naval rank (abbr.)
- Son of Isaac
- Climbed
- Govt. agents
- Sandusky's waterfront
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- Strained food
- Forgets
- Happy birds
- Lauder of cosmetics
- Boxing unit
- Though
- TV network
- M&M feature
- Shrews' kin
- Quadruphonics, halved
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- Upstart
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- Writing stands
- Love of life
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- Spook on the inside
- Altos
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

November 28, 1974

Through the efforts of six interested citizens, 3 slopes and the warming house at Bear Mountain will be opened for skiing this winter on a day-time basis. Thus, the formation of the Grayling Winter Sports Association, Inc., was began.

Senator Davis of Gaylord has been elected GOP Leader in the Senate. He will serve for the next four years as Republican Leader of the Senate.

Scheer Motors adds Pontiac to their line of cars on Nov. 23, 1974.

The Grayling Fire Department answered four fire calls in eight days.

Grayling now has a "Certified Industrial Park". The papers were received on Nov. 20, from the Michigan Department of Commerce.

Mr. C. Haller spent two weeks in Grayling hunting with Fred Bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker of Frederic announce the arrival of a 9 lb. 3 1/2 oz. son. He was born on Nov. 21 and has been named David Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langenderfer of Lewiston announce the arrival of a 8 lb. 11 oz. daughter. She was born on Nov. 21 and has been named Beth Ann.

Marvin Hallett and Eldon Norman, both supervisors for GTE North, completed a Gen-Tel course given at the Division headquarters in Alpena.

Anthony and Dorothy Tosto were honored at a dinner at the Legion Hall to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The event occurred after Senior Citizens Bowling League with Bob Meeker furnishing music on the organ.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Avis of Grayling, was

celebrated with their children on Oct. 19th. They were married on Nov. 30, 1924 at the Methodist Parsonage in Adrian.

46 YEARS AGO

November 29, 1951

Chuck Feldhauser surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Feldhauser, on Thanksgiving by arriving home from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., after being released from the Army.

Misses Marjorie and Barbara Nelson spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with their father, A.J. Nelson, home from Ferris Institute and M.S.C. respectively.

Miss Lucille Wakeley was home from Central Michigan College to spend the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson are real pleased over the arrival of their first grandchild, Sally Jo, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Nelson of Pompell on Thanksgiving Day. Sally weighed six lbs. eight ozs.

Harold LaVerne Riggs, son of Mrs. Ruby Dalrymple, of Grayling has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for a period of three years.

PFC and Mrs. Ronald Nelson have been spending his furlough with his mother and family, Mrs. Peg Nelson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moshier spent Thanksgiving in Hale, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson.

69 YEARS AGO

November 29, 1928

After struggling through several years of adversity due to lack of support and interest, the Board of Trade has taken on a renewed interest. An election of officers has been held with the following results, new directors T.P. Peterson, M. Hanson, A.J. Joseph, C.J. McNamara, and

T.W. Hanson. Five directors holding over for the coming year are C.W. Olsen, Fred R. Welsh, O.P. Schumann, Thomas Cassidy and Dr. C.R. Keyport. The directors elected T.W. Hanson president, Dr. Keyport vice-president, and A.J. Joseph secretary-treasurer.

William Foley and family, who have been residing in Luzerne for years, moved to their new home in Grayling last week, the former Carl England property.

Saturday morning at an early hour, the stork visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bissonette (Agnes Wendi) and left twins, a boy and a girl. They are fine, healthy youngsters and have been named Robert Charles and Betty Lou.

The fire department was called to the Nelson Corwin home early Sunday morning when it was discovered the roof near the chimney was on fire. The blaze was quickly extinguished with but small damage.

Capt. Sindlinger of the Commissary department of the State was in Grayling last week deer hunting.

92 YEARS AGO

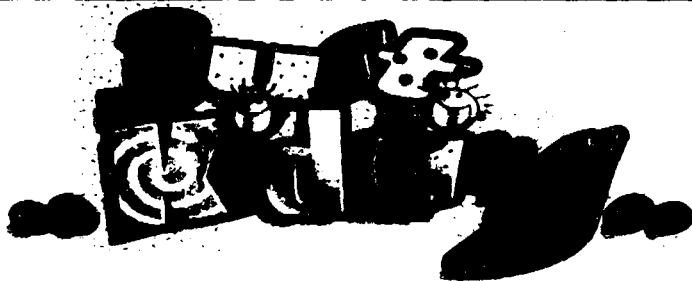
November 23, 1905

Dr. Leighton has been looking after some lumbering operations in Kalkaska Co.

James J. Collen and family have moved back to their village home from Portage.

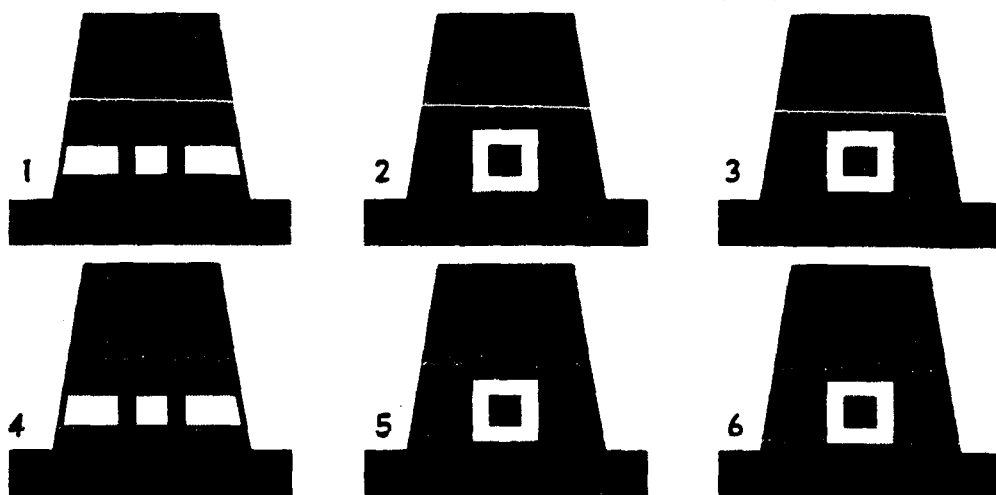
The South Side Market of N. Michelson is in charge of H. Nolan with Miss Emma Nelson behind the counter.

The second grade teacher reports that nine year old Edward King in a test last week wrote the entire poem, "America" from memory without a single mistake in capitalization, punctuation or spelling. Marguerite Burgess and Magnus Hanson made one mistake each in punctuation.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FIVE AND SIX

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip
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INTERESTED IN OWNING your own northern Michigan bar and grille? Near proposed new golf community Class C license, patio license, take out, dance permit and Sunday sales. Seating capacity of 80 customers. Equipment and fixtures included. LIC assumption. Price reduced, \$165,000. CH-544



TWO BLOCKS FROM HIGGINS LAKE Owner moving out of state. Priced to speed sale. 2-3 bedrooms, 2 baths, natural gas hot water baseboard heat, woodstove in living room, family room could be 3rd bedroom. Large utility room, 2-car garage. Don't wait to see this one! Reduced, \$48,000. CS-605



3 ACRES with additional 6 1/2 acres available. Andersen windows. Blazing woodstove, 12x20 barn, 24x24 garage, private setting. Just listed. \$47,000. Addition acreage at \$4,200. CH-673



QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD! Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$46,500. CS-682



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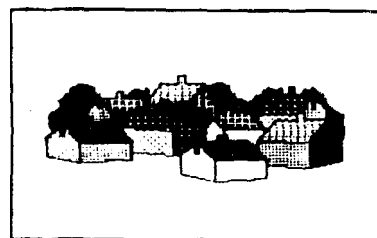
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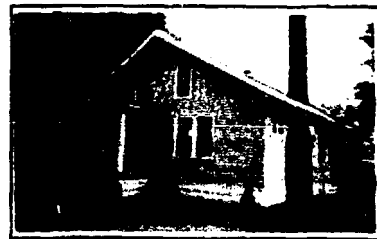
WATERFRONT RESORT 323' frontage, 3.7 acres, (4) four half-log rental cottages with screen porches, furnished motel (3) unit, guest house with full basement. Main home consists of 1,600 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, garage. Retail shop, all buildings in excellent condition, stone retaining wall along waterfront. Call today for your brochure/tour. CG-585



ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One to two bedroom, 1.5 bath offers 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Roscommon. \$42,900. CS-624



PINE OAK RENTALS Looking for cash flow, or a tax shelter? Several rental units only 1/2 mile from city limits. Exceptional income opportunity with low vacancy rates. CH-526



ATMOSPHERE FOR CHARM, RARE OPPORTUNITY! This one you can't match for overall charm, utilization and value. Large living room with brick fireplace, built-in bookshelves with glass fronts. Breakfast nook, city water and sewer. Appliances include gas stove, refrigerator and stackable washer and dryer (gas). Walk-out deck, fenced yard, storage shed, 15x20 detached garage, new vinyl siding and some vinyl windows. Newly-updated electrical. Price reduced, \$61,000. CS-455



SECLUDED 10 ACRES at the end of private drive. Spotless two-bedroom mobile with large front and rear yards. Circle drive with double garages (24x24 and 10x17) for all those toys. 10x12 patio and a 10x12 covered deck. Only half mile to state land for hunting, hiking and snowmobile trails. \$39,900. CH-690

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES a log home association development, only 13 of 15 wooded lots left. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 10/30/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

WELL MAINTAINED three bedroom home, between Kalkaska and Grayling. Hardwood floors, large wood stove, full basement. Paved country road, near new golf course. \$64,500. Call Laurie Wellman, Century 21 H&H Realty. 616-258-8311. -20-27/1



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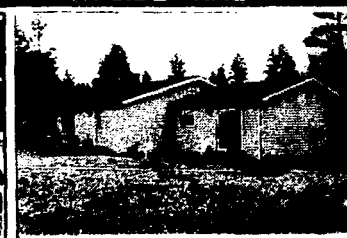


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ADORABLE, AFFORDABLE Two-bedroom, one-bath home in the city. New stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Natural gas heat, land, and a small yard - private and very well maintained. \$42,900. #KM-661



IDEAL FOR A LODGE, DAY CARE OR GROUP HOME Large rooms are a feature of this home situated on 40 acres. Satellite dish, Jenn-Air range, marble bathtub, woodburning furnace in the basement, 24x36 pole barn. Forty acres backs up to state land near Kneff Lake. \$160,000. #JG-677



CHARMING, VICTORIAN HOME in the city - offers three large bedrooms, full bath, updated kitchen, formal dining room, spacious 1,696' living space, hardwood floors and original woodwork throughout! Basement, garage, quiet front porch, small yard, and close to schools. \$58,000. #KM-644



CAPE COD BUILT IN 1994 HAS FIVE LARGE ROOMS. Across from state land. View and access to Lake Margrethe. Natural gas hot-water heat, two full baths. Ceramic tile, wood and carpeted floors. Victorian woodwork and six-panel doors. White on white G.E. kitchen. Full basement with 8-ft. ceiling, gas fireplace. Terraced backyard with large deck. \$176,500. #JG-664

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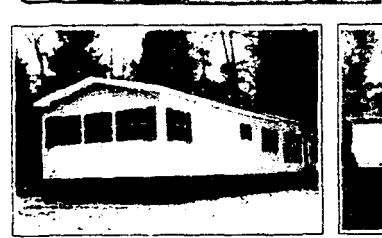
320' Frontage, 3 Bedroom Ranch, 2 Full Baths, Fireplace, Large Family Room, New Kitchen, 2 Car Garage & Much More. \$110,000
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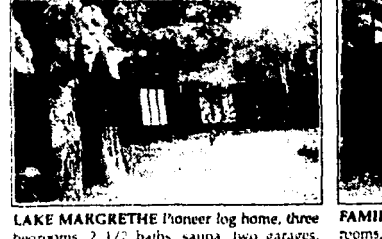
NEWLY-REMODELED 14X70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spot lights. Internal stereo system. \$36,900. (JW/MP)



LIKE-NEW HOME with three bedrooms, two baths. 1,344 sq. ft., 30x40 pole barn garage w/110 & 220 electric. Fenced-in garden area with fruit trees and more, on 4.93 acres. \$89,900. (DL-93)



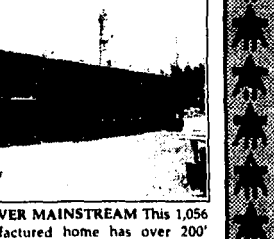
NORTHERN CABIN Modern two-bedroom cabin, freshly painted, new carpet, new oak cabinets. Close access to state land, Manistee River, horse and snowmobile trails. \$29,900. (DL-69)



LAKE MARGRETHE Pioneer log home, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sauna, two garages, observation sun deck, gazebo, over 600' frontage, nice trees and a breathtaking view. \$270,000. Reduced, \$259,900. (LM-933)



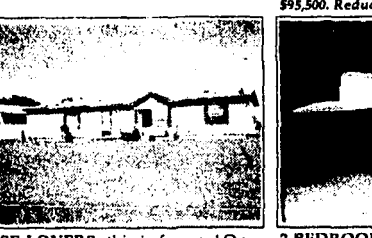
FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet, septic, roof and updating. Garage and workshop, lots of room with over 2,100 sq. ft. \$89,000. Reduced, \$83,000. (DL-66)



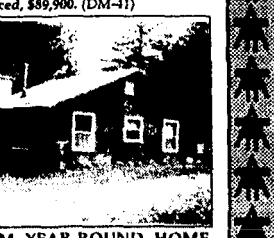
AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM This 1,056 sq. ft. manufactured home has over 200' frontage, with two bedrooms and two baths, all on 5.1 acres. Includes all appliances, picnic table and canoe. Great fishing-wading area. \$93,500. Reduced, \$89,900. (DM-41)



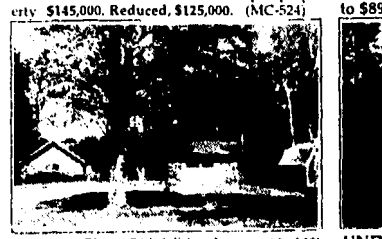
CHASE BRIDGE ROAD 2-bedroom home, central air, brick fireplace, propane & wood furnace. 2 stoves, refrigerator, washer, dryer & window treatment. 30x40 pole barn, 2 storage buildings, woodshed, guesthouse (trailer home with addition) on 10 acres of landscaped property. \$145,000. Reduced, \$125,000. (MC-524)



HORSE LOVERS, this is for you! Over 1,500 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, pantry and walk-in closet. Lots of cupboards and 28x44 three-story barn. Six acres on a county road. \$95,000. Reduced to \$89,900. (CDL-940)



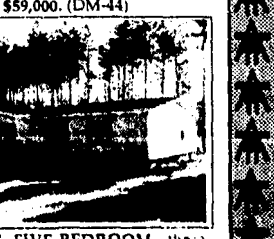
2-BEDROOM YEAR-ROUND HOME on 3 large lots. 900 sq. ft., 2-car garage with 2 attached carports, garden area and all appliances, only 4 years old. Lots of charm and only 1/2 mile from Bear Lake access. \$59,000. (DM-44)



CUTE 2-BEDROOM full-log home with 100' frontage on Lake Marjory, south of Waters on Old-27. 1-car garage w/ample storage. Guest house w/kitchenette & bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently-remodeled bath & kitchen. Excellent hunting area w/state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$139,900. Reduced, \$119,900. (CS-21)



UNDER CONSTRUCTION New 1,500 sq. ft. 3-bedroom home with 2 baths, garage and basement. Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Lots of extras. You pick carpet colors. \$117,000. (JW/MP-73)



SPACIOUS FIVE-BEDROOM, three bath, newly-remodeled home nestled amongst red pines, situated on 10 acres. Recently developed golf course within three miles from home. Located on paved road. Immediate occupancy. \$74,000. (LJK-30)

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PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tl/1

VACANT LOT in an excellent area for year-around recreation. Lot is located in an association offering a club house with an enclosed heated swimming pool, a golf course and restaurant, great snowmobile country, two small lakes with beach houses and an airstrip! What more could your family be looking for? **GREAT PLACE TO LIVE! \$11,200. #3977**

IDEAL BUILDING SITE for your home or weekend get away on two vacant lots in a beautiful subdivision close to Lake Margrethe. This subdivision offers natural gas and cable TV, and is also close to the beach and boat launch. Also a great area for those who enjoy sports. **EXCELLENT AREA FOR YEAR-AROUND RECREATION. \$6,500. #3979**

LARGE VACANT LOT adjacent to state land and located in a nice family area offering year-around recreation. The area offers a club house with a heated olympic-size swimming pool, campgrounds, trout fishing pond, and both a rifle range and golf driving range. **COME NORTH TODAY! \$2,500. #3978**

ALL SPORTS AREA!!! A nice and big building site in a platted subdivision located north of Grayling with easy access to I-75 Expressway. This area is convenient to everything from snowmobiling, hunting and fishing, and within minutes from several golf courses, offering you year-around recreation. **PRICED TO SELL. \$2,800. #4010**

NICE BUILDING SITE in a quiet area that offers many extras with a clubhouse for parties, heated swimming pool, campgrounds and more. Roads are maintained year around. **GREAT FOR YEAR-AROUND RECREATION. \$2,000. #4069**

BEAUTIFUL 10-ACRE PARCEL of hardwoods and high ground. Close to Section 28 Lake in Orange Township, Kalkaska County. **\$45,500. #4183**

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2. For Rent

ONE ROOM EFFICIENCY APARTMENT for rent. \$300 a month. \$200 security deposit. Includes utilities and garbage. No pets. Call 348-5550. -20-27/2

TWO ROOM EFFICIENCY APARTMENT for rent. \$325 a month. \$225 security deposit includes utilities and garbage. No pets. Call 348-5550. -20-27/2

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT near downtown, no pets, no smoking, utilities paid, security deposit, \$275. 348-2232. -27/2

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE near downtown, no pets, no smoking, security deposit, \$325 plus utilities. 348-2232. -27/2

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage, 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. -20-4/1

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat. Two miles from Grayling. \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945. -10/23/97tl/1

FOR SALE BY BUILDER: Jones Lake Rd. Three-four bedrooms, attached garage, quality construction. 1,520 square ft., \$112,000. Call Dave Wyman 517-348-8568. 9/8/97tl/2

2. For Rent

NEWER THREE BEDROOM HOME Two car attached garage. Absolutely no inside pets. \$625 plus deposit. 348-3616 or 517-893-6499. -20-27/2

PARTIALLY FURNISHED three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, no pets, \$600 a month. Lake Margrethe area. References, call after 5 p.m. 348-3563 or 517-832-5796. -27-4/2

HOUSE FOR RENT: Neat and clean two bedroom house in country, with attached garage, eight miles south of Grayling, C/A schools, recently remodeled. Available 1-2-98. References and deposit required. \$525 per month. 517-275-4126. -27-4/2

FOR RENT Two bedroom home in Grayling. Clean and neat. \$400/mo. plus deposit. No smokers or pets. 348-8425. -27/2

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8. Announcements

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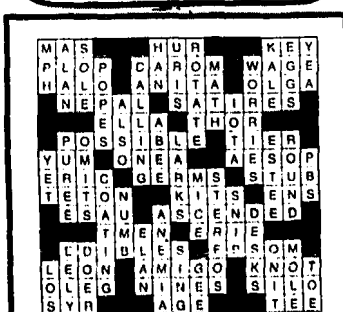
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Walsh's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Walsh are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1994 graduate of Ogemaw Heights High School of West Branch, joined the Marine Corps in February 1995.

Marine Pvt. Calvin J. Campbell, a 1997 graduate of Roscommon High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Campbell successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Campbell and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Campbell spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close

order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Campbell and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Campbell and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Campbell joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year all over the country.

9. Personals

THE MEMBERS of the Hanson Hills Ski Patrol would like to say thank you to the people who participated in the 1997 Ski Swap. Special thanks to Andrea, Betsey and Teresa, as well as the Grayling Recreation Authority for support and use of their help and facilities. -27/9

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11. Automotive

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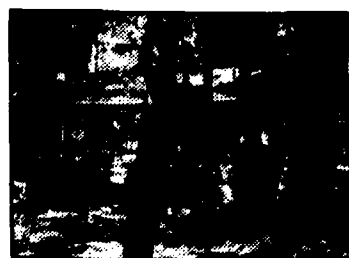
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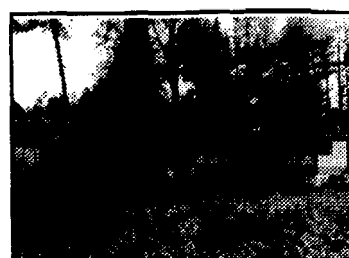
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39 Acres with Honey Well Creek and a 4,368 Sq. Ft. Home Four miles of trails with bridges crossing the creek, three ponds, two pavilions, one with a fireplace, walk-out basement, large garage, pole barn and so much more! It's Paradise! \$284,900. #4096



On the Banks of the Manistee River Fantastic view from this spacious 2,000 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, den, 2 baths, hot tub, fireplace, living and family room. Offering extras and quality throughout. \$137,500. #4056



Nice Starter Home or rental investment. Home features two bedrooms, one bath, Michigan basement, and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer siding, windows, well and septic. \$37,500. #4176



Commerical Property, Motel/Apartments Some of this motel is presently being converted over to apartments. Located in a high-traffic and recreational area. Also includes a mobile home. \$148,500. #3972



This Two-Bedroom Home is located on a county-maintained road. Features detached garage and is adjoining state land, close to lakes, rivers and all your "up-north" outdoor activities. \$54,900. #4198



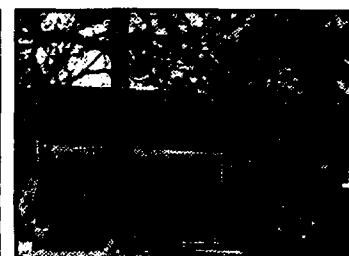
5-Bedroom Home in the City of Grayling Plenty of room to roam in this large home with new drywall, full basement, covered porch, large closets and three bathrooms. Perfect for the growing family. \$69,900. #4018



Attractive Home Near Lake Margrethe Offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms, large living room, attached garage, all on a double lot. Some extras include covered porch, 30x24 garage with attic storage, cement driveway and more. \$73,900. #4190



Crispy Clean! Not too far from Lake Margrethe is this home with new addition and remodeling to include: new vinyl windows, new doors, enclosed porch and additional second bathroom. \$40,000. #4193



Nice Two-Bedroom Starter Home Located in the City of Grayling Featuring new fixtures and new carpet in the living room, kitchen and bedroom. Nice back yard, covered front porch, new screen door and attached workshop. \$26,900. #4097



Land Contract Terms Available on this riverfront home. Full-log home sets on 234 feet of frontage on the AuSable. Featuring 2,304 sq. ft., three bedrooms, three bathrooms, attached garage, skylights and covered porch. \$129,000. #4092



Well-Maintained Mobile Home Offers new metal roof, new water tank, new furnace, new well pump. Great location for snowmobiling and fishing the famous AuSable River (North Branch). \$29,500. #4207



Great Location in Sherwood Forest Ideal floor plan has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, enclosed 11x18 back porch, large 8x24 breezeway leading to the 23x18 garage. Blacktop circle drive. \$55,900. #3986



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